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NON-COMPLIANCE WITH PLANS.

TWO INSTEAD OF FOUR WATER CLOSETS INSTALLED.

The non-compliance with an ap-
proved plan to install four water
closets at 2 and 4, Sing Wo Road,
on Inland Lot No. 2,165, came up
for discussion before the fortnight-
ly meeting of the Sanitary Board
yesterday afternoon, when Mr. J. S.
Gibson, was permitted to address
the members in the interests of the
owners.

The matter was mentioned at the
last meeting of the Board but was
deferred until yesterday for the
architect personally to put forward
his objections to carrying out the
original plan, the position being that
after having obtained permission
to install four water closets, only
two had been installed on the pre-
mises.

Mr. Gibson pointed out that he
was merely making his objections
for future guidance. If the Board
required that he should install four
his clients would do so. He re-
marked that his client desired that
the Board reconsider the matter.

Continuing Mr. Gibson said that
his client had two houses and on
coming into some money he de-
cided to have them demolished for
reconstruction. Plans were sub-
mitted for the installation of four
water closets but later the owner
decided he only wanted two which
were accordingly installed. He made
the alterations of his own volition.

Mr. Gibson continued that he had
not been informed of the change
until afterwards but when told he
agreed, and submitted an amended
plan to the Building Authority
showing two closets. Mr. Gibson
maintained without fear of con-
tradiction that the sanitation of
the site had been improved 100 per
cent. He did not think he had
violated any of the principles of
sanitation.

Mr. Lo pointed out that the ap-
plication had not been adhered to
and on that he disagreed with Mr.
Gibson. If an application be made
for ten water closets the applicant
could not be permitted to install any
number up to ten but not exceeding
ten.

Mr. Gibson replied that the
owner himself was occupying the
house which was actually two being
made into one.

After the withdrawal of Mr.
Gibson it was decided that as no
hardship, except expense, would be
suffered by the owner the Board
should direct that the four water
closets be installed.

On the question of the applica-
tion for an Eating House license at
32, Sai Street, deferred from the
last meeting, it was decided on the
motion being put to the vote to re-
fuse the application, the members
having had an opportunity to see
the premises.

On the motion of Mr. M. K. Lo
an application, which had been re-
fused by the select committee, for
an Eating House license at 95,
Wing Lok Street, was referred back
to the committee. Mr. Lo pointed
out that since the select committee's
decision certain alterations had
been made.

The Medical Officer of Health
(Dr. C. W. Pope) was against the
motion on the ground that the pre-
mises could not be made fit for an
eatinghouse.

An application for the registra-
tion of 36, Hollowood Road, ground
floor, as a dairy was granted.

Those present were: Mr. G. R.
Sayer (Chief of Sanitary Depart-
ment), the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cresay
(Director of Public Works), Dr. C.
W. Pope, Dr. W. V. M. Koch,
Messrs. Wong Kwong-tin, M. K. Lo,
T. N. Chau, F. C. Hall and Dr. R. A.
Castro Basto.

HOSPITAL TRAGEDY.

TEN DIE FROM GAS USED FOR DISINFECTING.

Prague, Dec. 23.
Ten inmates of a hospital here
have died and 13 are seriously
ill as the result of the disinfection
of the building with cyanide of
potassium gas.

Apparently the wards were in-
sufficiently ventilated after the
process.—Reuter.

OBITUARY.

FAMOUS RUMANIAN STATESMAN.

London, Dec. 23.
The death is reported of M.
Vintila Bratianu, the leader of
the Rumanian Liberal Party.—
Reuter.

Vintila Bratianu, the Rumanian
statesman, was born in 1867 at
Bucharest. His father was Ion
Bratianu to whom his country
owed its independence. His
monarchy and its great economic
development. Vintila Bratianu
studied at the Ecole Polytechnique
in Paris where he secured his
diploma in engineering. Return-
ing home, he was employed as a
constructional engineer in the
great Salinity works. He had
much to do with the building of
the various Danube bridges in
Rumania.

When his brother Jonel had
taken his father's place in
political life, Vintila entered the
Liberal party and assisted in its
reorganisation. He also devoted
himself to the study of financial
and economic questions. His wide
knowledge of these led to his
appointment to various official
posts. Before the war he was
Mayor of Bucharest. In 1916 he
became Minister for War and
later Minister of Munitions.
Afterwards he served in all
the Liberal Cabinets as Finance
Minister so that he was able to
carry out a number of important
reforms. Having succeeded in
getting rid of the inflation of
the currency, he stabilised it and
was able to balance the Budget.
He reorganised the financial and
fiscal system of the state, con-
cluded an agreement with the
National Bank and consolidated
the state and private loans
abroad.

After the sudden death of his
brother in Nov. 1927, Vintila
succeeded him as leader of the
Liberal party and as Premier,
while retaining his portfolio of
Finance. He announced that he
would pursue the same policy.
His efforts to induce the Opposi-
tion leaders to collaborate with
him in a "Cabinet of National
Union" failed. Indeed Maniu, the
leader of the National Peasants'
party, began a vigorous campaign
against the Government, which he
denounced as corrupt. In Jan.
1928, Bratianu surrendered the
Ministry of Finance to Antonescu,
as he found the dual role too
much for him.

NATIVITY PAGEANT.

AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, KOWLOON.

A Christmas Carol Service and
Nativity Pageant was held at St.
Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on
Monday evening at 6 p.m. when
children of the two departments of
the Sunday Schools brought their
toys to be presented to the Victoria
Home and Orphanage. This was
the first occasion that a service of
this nature was held in connexion
with St. Andrew's and the Church
was packed. Prior to the com-
mencement, the Rev. W. Walton
Rogers explained that the Service
and Pageant was being held in
place of the usual Sunday afternoon
service for Sunday School children
when toys were brought. The ser-
vice went with a swing from the
singing of the first Carol "O, Little
Town of Bethlehem" to the end
when the Vicar pronounced the
Blessing.

The roles of the Blessed Virgin
Mary, Joseph, the Three Shepherds
and the three Kings, were taken by
boys and girls from the Upper De-
partment of the Sunday School.
The cradle was set on the Chancel
steps and the Shepherds and Kings
came up and presented their gifts
in turn. The Pageant was based
on the Old Coventry Mystery Play
and it is interesting to note, all
the costumes used came direct from
Bethlehem, and were lent for the
occasion by the Victoria Home and
Orphanage. At the close of the
Service a collection was taken in aid
of the New Building Fund of the
Victoria Home and Orphanage.

AGRICULTURAL SHOW ON SATURDAY.

TO BE OPENED BY LADY PEEL IN AFTERNOON.

The annual New Territories
Agricultural Show, which is being
held at Shek Wu Hui, near the
Sheung Shui Railway Station, on
Saturday and Sunday, is to be
opened at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday
by Lady Peel, wife of His Excel-
lency the Governor.

Special arrangements for seat-
ing accommodation on the trains
has been made by the committee
with the management of the Kow-
loon-Canton Railway, and visitors
will also find that their comfort
has been entered for in other
directions. Meals and refresh-
ments will be provided by the
Queen's Cafeteria while Chinese
food will also be available.

By kind permission of Lieut.
Col. Lecky and officers the pipes
of the 1st Regiment will play
selections on Saturday. There is
to be a large number of exhibits
on view, the committee anti-
cipating some 4,000 to 5,000 alto-
gether. Handsome prizes have
been presented, including a silver
trophy by His Excellency the
Governor. This prize has been
presented for competition among
the various districts, and is to be
won two years in succession be-
fore coming the property of any
competitor.

In addition to the Police, the
Chinese section of the Police Re-
serves will be in attendance
while the St. John's Ambulance
Brigade will also send parties of
men to the Show.

There will be Chinese sword
dances, boxing displays, music and
colloquial drama on each day.

The committee are indebted to
Mr. R. Baker manager of the Kow-
loon-Canton Railway, for arrang-
ing the special accommodation on
the trains, and to Messrs. Wong
Kam-fuk and Wallace Harper for
the loan of two motor trucks for
the transport of the exhibits.

RETURNED STUDENTS.

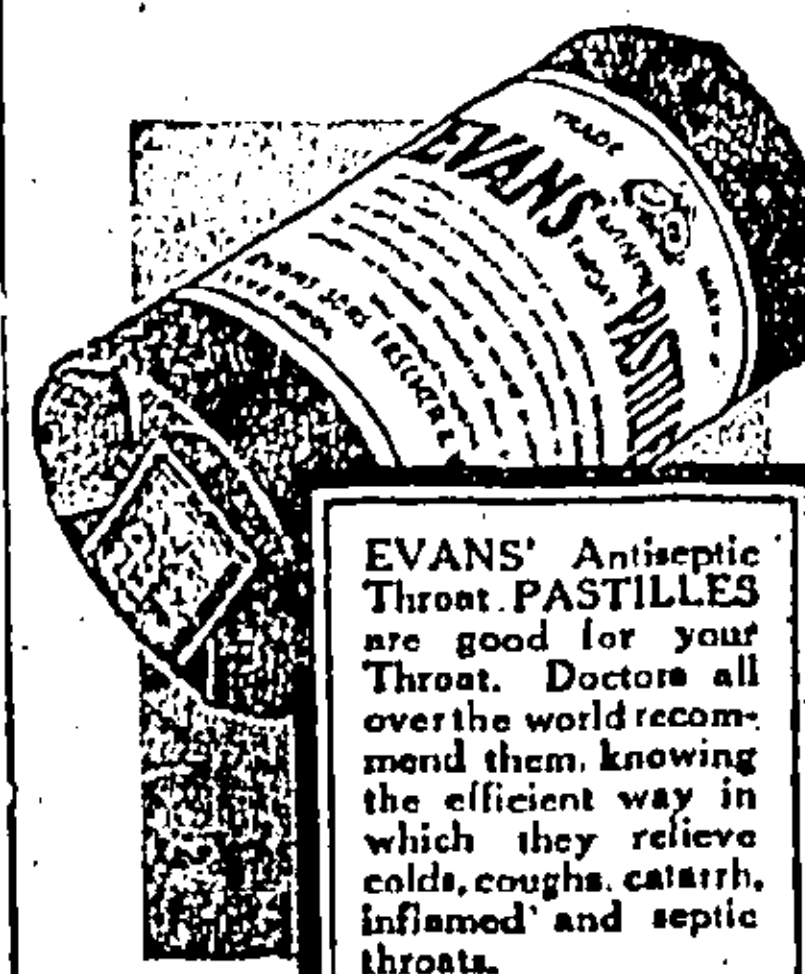
APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS FOR NEW SESSION.

The Euro-American Returned
Students' Union held a general
meeting yesterday, at which the
following new officers were elect-
ed:

President, Mr. M. K. Lo; Hon.
Secretary, Mr. K. L. Chau, Hon.
Treasurer, Mr. H. S. Mok; and
Committee, Messrs. Chung J.
Kwan, Lu-kwong, Harry Hong
Sling and W. K. Chau.

The retiring President, Mr. Y.
H. Tsao, in referring to the death
of Professor C. Y. Wang, paid a
tribute to his knowledge and
character. All members present
stood in silence for two minutes
as a token of their respect.

A vote of thanks to the retiring
President and Committee was
carried unanimously.



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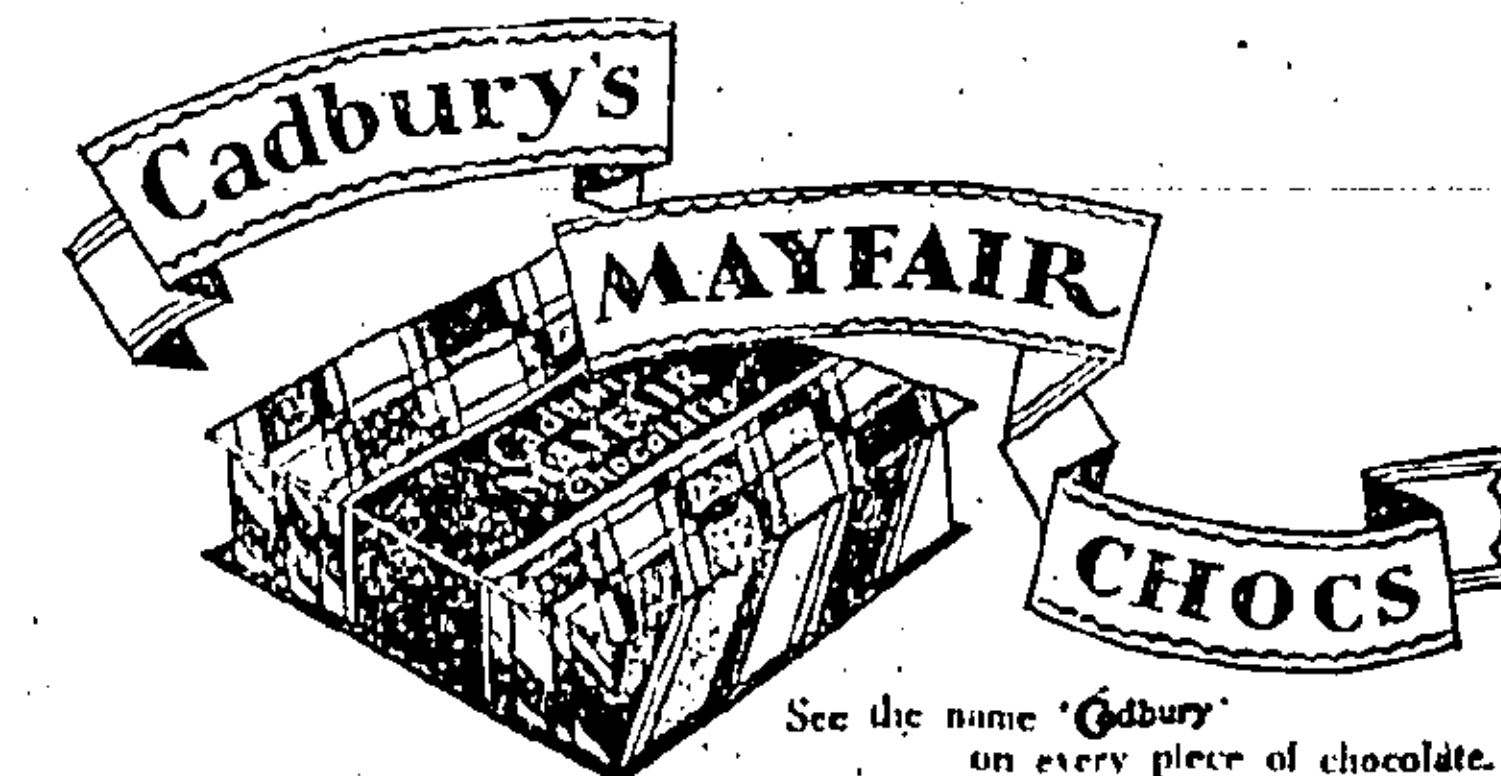
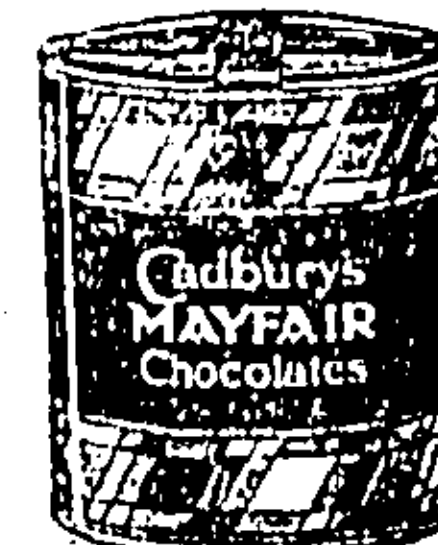
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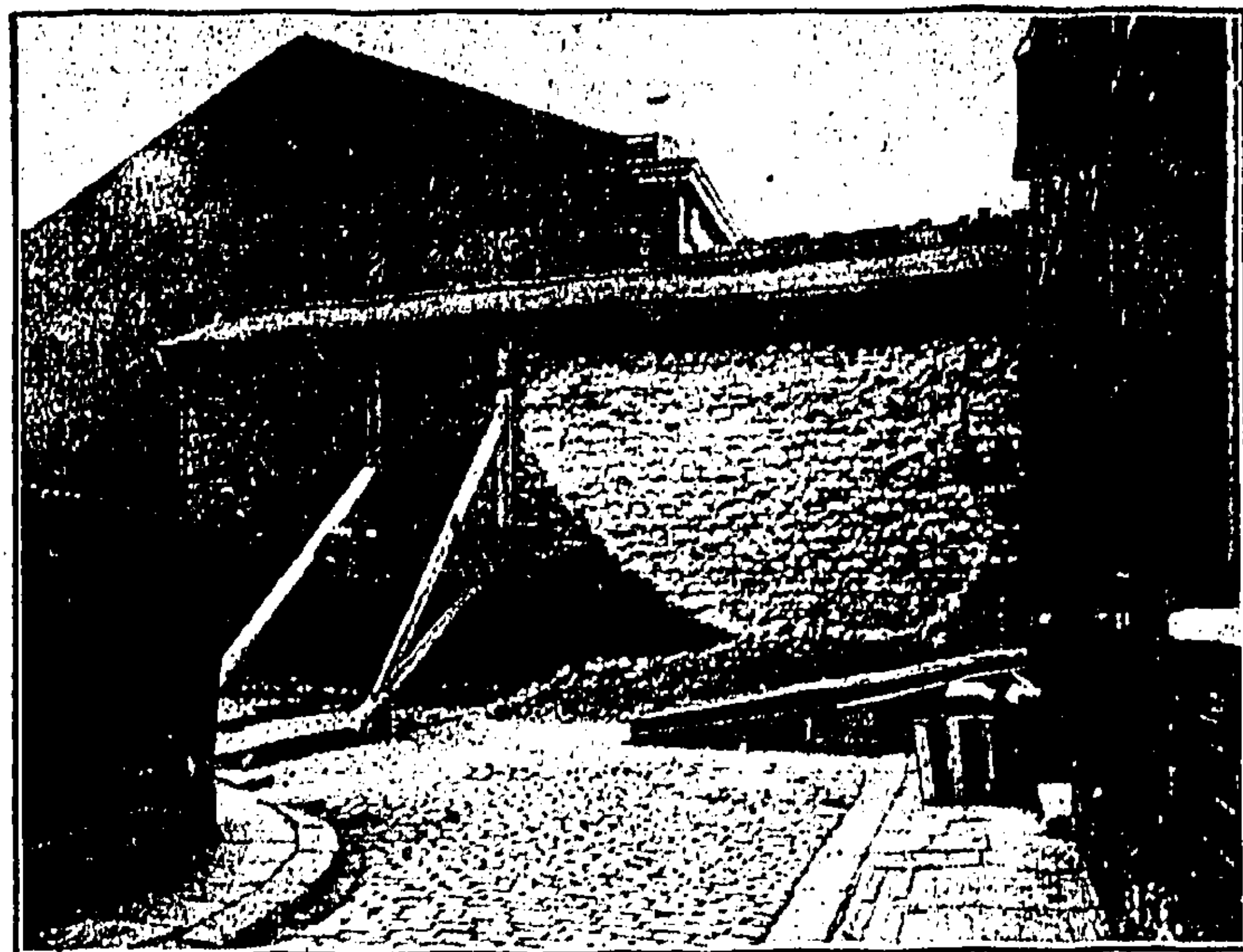
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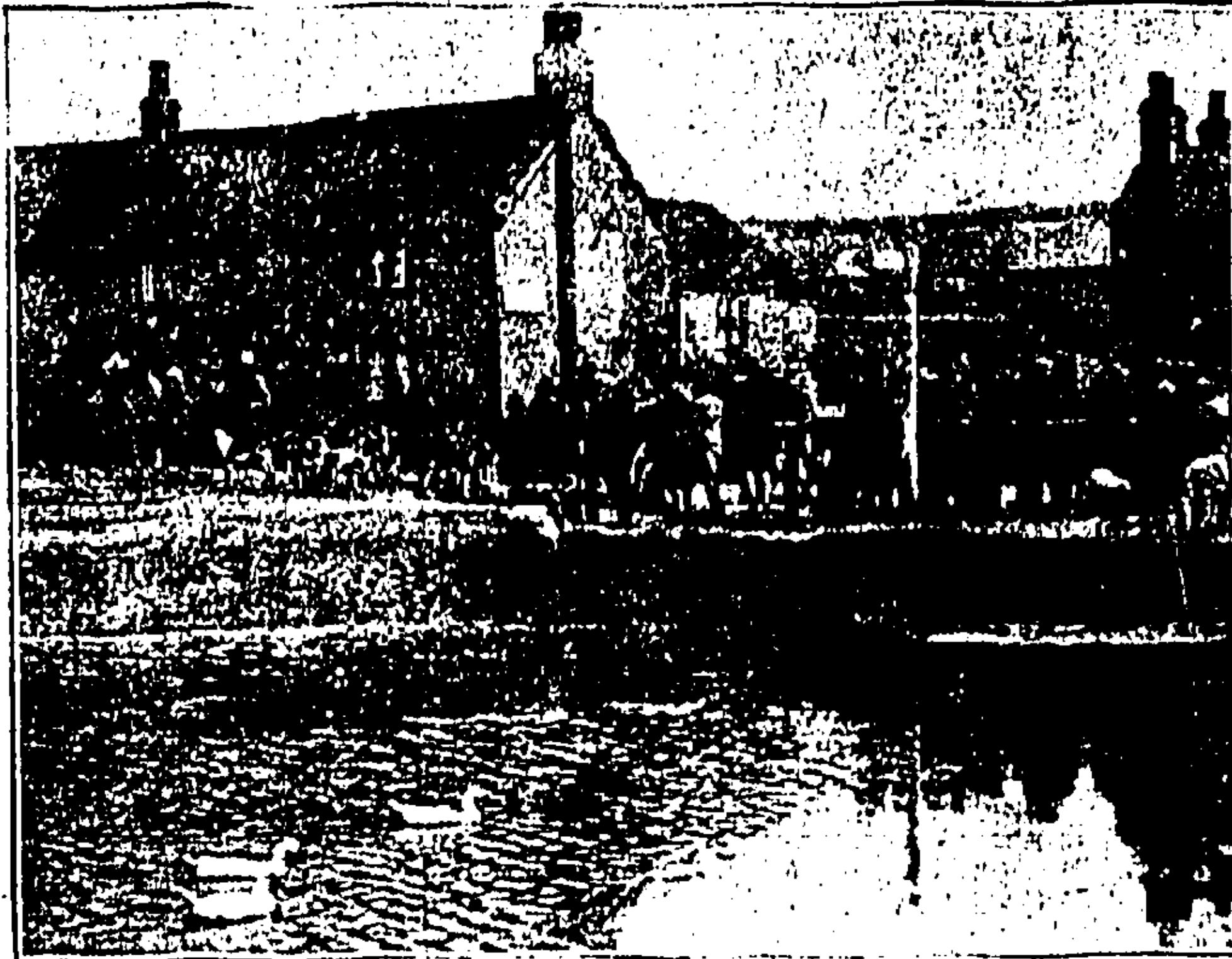
Maybe They're Amateurs

By Small

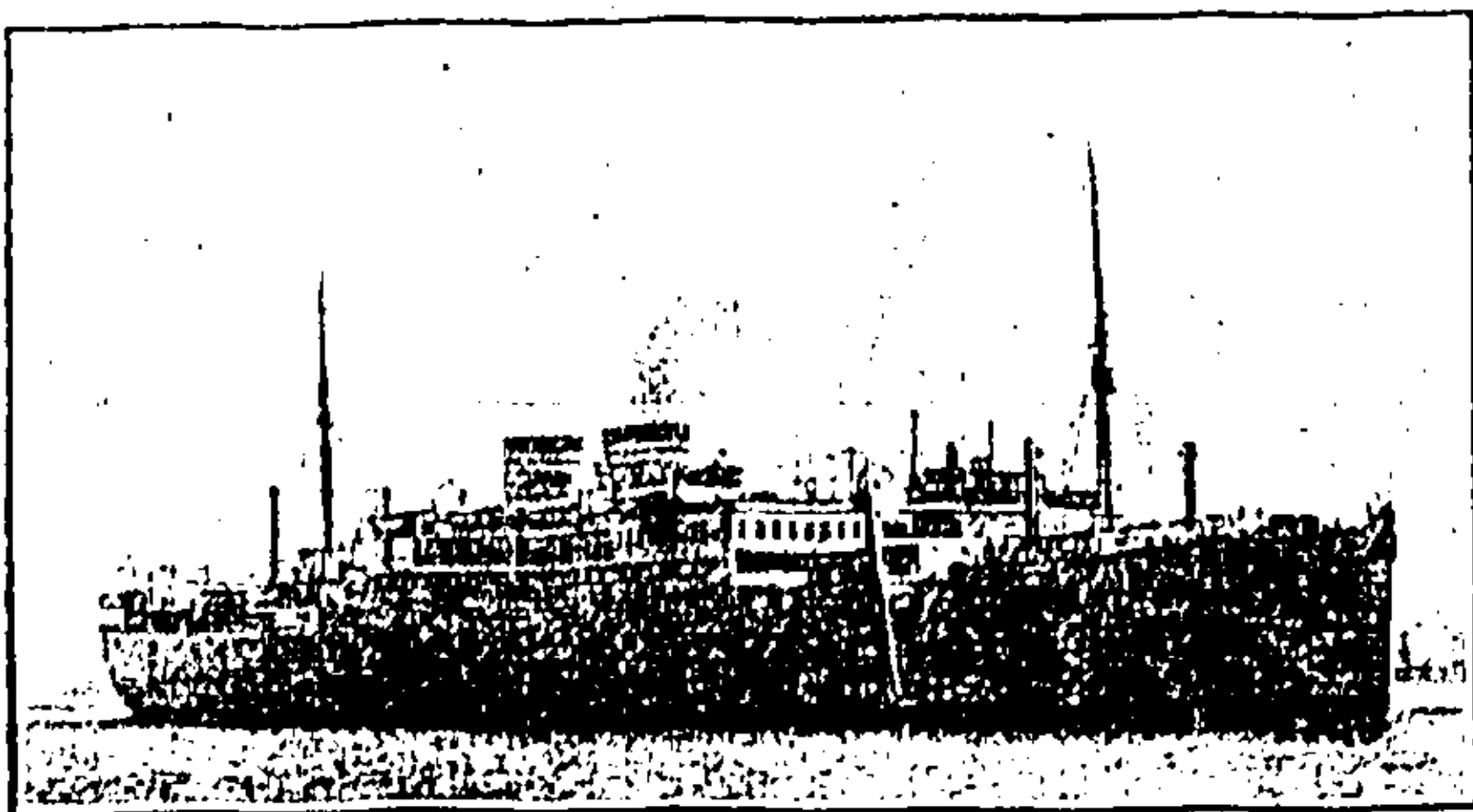




A fragment of the Roman Wall of London, now in need of repair, at Tower Hill. (Times copyright.)



The meet of the Middleton East in the little village of Langtoft, Yorks. The first fox gave them a 50-minute run. (Times copyright.)



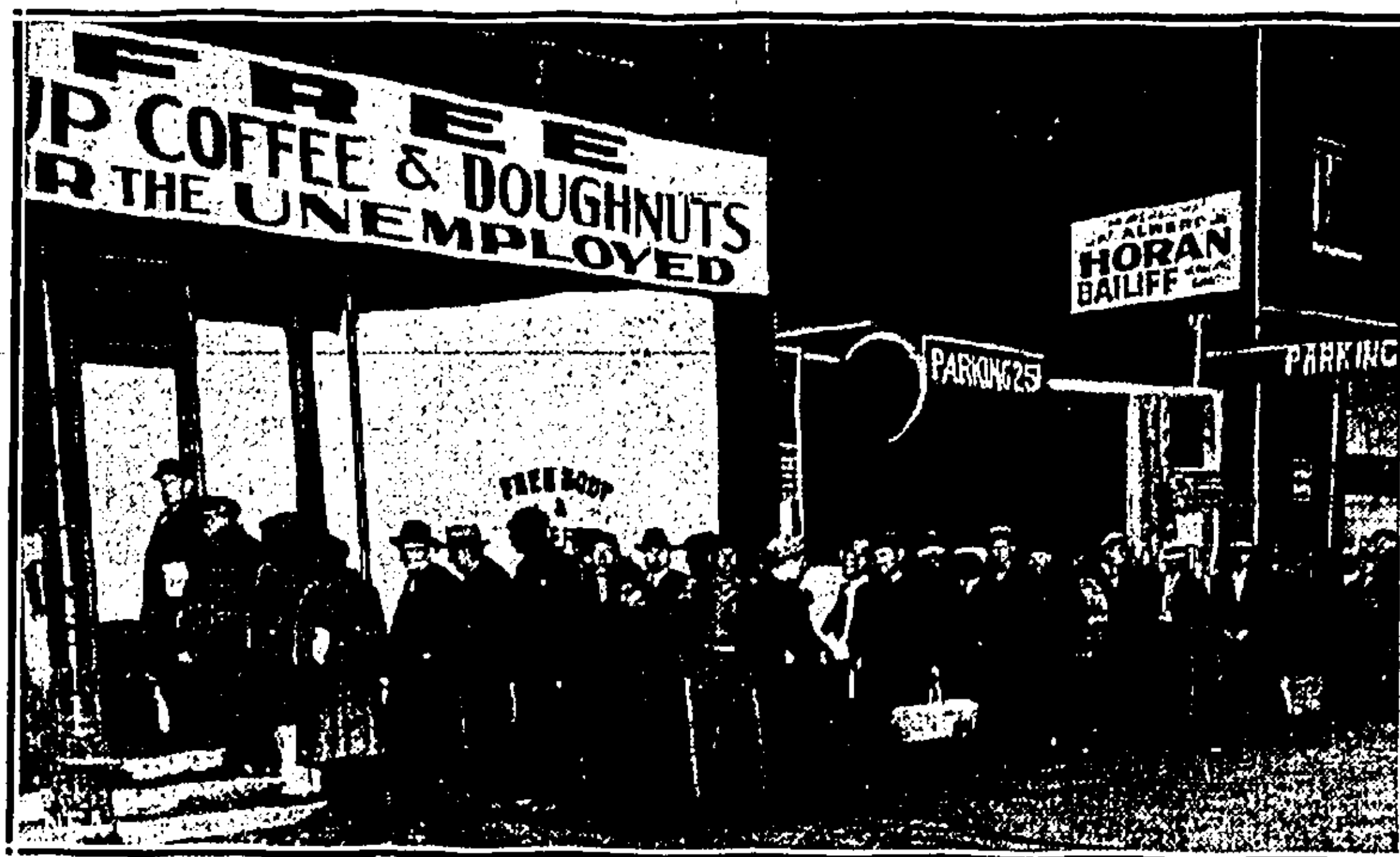
The Highland Hope which was wrecked off the Farillies and became a total loss. Her crew and passengers were rescued. (Times copyright.)



The army of unemployed in New York filing past Father Gabriel, who gives each man ten cents.



George Bernard Shaw at a London studio where "How He Lied To Her Husband" is being made into a talkie.



The open door in Chicago for the thousands of unemployed. This is "private enterprise" and the man behind it is said to be Al Capone!



A November morning scene at St. James's Park, showing the bridge. (Times copyright)



Performers in the Jewels of Empire Ball and Pageant in aid of ex-Service Men. (Times copyright.)

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705, 709, 720, 722, 727, 729, 732,
734, 737, 738.

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FOR SALE.—OPPORTUNITY FOR XMAS. Madame Katie has just received a large assortment of ladies' dresses and evening gowns. Latest Paris models. Inspection invited. 31, Wing Lok Building, Wai King Road, Kowloon.

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General cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to the terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from the Godown on and after 24th December, 1930.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all General Cargo remaining undelivered after 30th December, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 12th January 1931, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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CHURCH NOTICE.

United Church, Kennedy Road, Thursday, December 25th, Christmas Day. Service, 10 a.m. Preacher: Rev. E. G. Powell.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
ACTION NO. 227 of 1930.

BETWEEN

Plaintiff

Chan Si Yin

and

Yick Tai Company Shink Kee and Chan Kong Wai, Managing partner thereof.

Defendants

NOTICE is hereby given that a Write of Foreign Attachment returnable on Friday, the 2nd day of January, 1931, against all the property movable and immovable of the above-named Defendants was issued on the 18th day of December, 1930, in this action pursuant to provisions of Chapter XVII, of the Hongkong Code of Civil Procedure.

Dated the 19th day of December, 1930.

J. M. D'ALMEIDA REMEDIOS,

Solicitor for the Plaintiff.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

On WEDNESDAY, the 24th December, All Departments will be open until 7 p.m.

On CHRISTMAS DAY, and FRIDAY, the 26th DECEMBER, All Departments will be CLOSED.

On these days.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

On Saturday, the 27th December, All Departments will be opened for business as usual.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED, Hongkong, 23rd December, 1930.

G. R.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 29th day of December, 1930, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at St. John's Road, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 2 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Regist. No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	101	St. John's Road, Kowloon	100 ft. by 100 ft.	10,000	\$100	\$1,000

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel (First Floor), Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 29th day of December, 1930 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions viz:—

(1) That the authorised capital of the Company (which is now \$1,500,000 consisting of 150,000 shares fully paid up of the nominal value of \$10.00 per share all of which have been issued) be increased from \$1,500,000 consisting of 150,000 shares to \$3,000,000, (consisting of 300,000 shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each) by the creation of 150,000 additional new shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each.

(2) (a) That 50,000 of the said 150,000 new shares be offered forthwith (in the proportion of one new share for every complete number of three issued shares held by them respectively) to the persons who on the 29th day of December, 1930 are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the said 150,000 issued shares at a premium of \$2.50 per share and so that on acceptance of the offer the nominal value due in respect of such new shares plus the said premium of \$2.50 per share (making \$12.50 per share) shall be payable in full. Such new shares shall rank for dividend as from the respective dates of allotment and in all other respects pari passu with the shares constituting the Company's present issued capital.

(b) That such offer as aforesaid be made by notice specifying the number of new shares to which the member is entitled and limiting the time or times within which the offer if not accepted by the member either on behalf of such member or his nominee will be deemed to be declined and the Directors be at liberty to fix such respective times and to extend such times to such date or dates and upon such terms as they may think fit and further that any of the said 50,000 new shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's shareholders in manner aforesaid be disposed of in such manner as at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Directors shall in their absolute discretion see fit.

(c) That no shareholder shall be entitled to claim for a fraction of an additional new share in respect of any odd share held by him.

(d) That the remaining 100,000 new shares constituting the Company's unissued capital be issued at such time or times in such manner and for such purposes and upon such terms and conditions in every respect as the Company's Board of Directors may decide.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Register of members of the Company will be closed from the 22nd to 29th December, 1930, inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1930.

By Order of the Board,
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 25th, 26th and 27th December (Xmas Holidays).

Hongkong, 19th December, 1930.

G. R.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 29th day of December, 1930, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Regist. No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	101	Shamshui, Kowloon	100 ft. by 100 ft.	10,000	\$100	\$1,000

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Regist. No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	102	Tung Choi Street, Mong Kok Tsi, Kowloon	100 ft. by 100 ft.	10,000	\$100	\$1,000

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3	103	Shamshui, Kowloon	100 ft. by 100 ft.	10,000	\$100	\$1,000

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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at Godown No. 30,

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the 29th December, 1930,

commencing at 11 a.m.

at the Timber Yard of the

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At Kowloon, Mr. Butters, sitting with a Jury yesterday, held an inquiry into the death of a coolie, Au Chuen, who was killed by the collapse of a crane on November 28, at the Kowloon Wharf.

After Dr. K. Uttley had deposed to the injuries sustained by the deceased which were mainly to the head, death being instantaneous, Mr. K. C. Hamilton, Government Surveyor, gave technical evidence.

He said that he examined the crane four days after the accident. It was secured to a lighter which was lying alongside the wharf. He found that the base plate, which was made of cast iron, had cracked all the way down leaving the holding bolt to secure the bed plate to the deck intact. He examined the break in the metal and found traces of an old crack. He then took the percentage of the good metal and, after working it out, considered that the load placed on the crane at the time of the accident to be 1,300 lbs. The load that was lifted was 58 of a ton, and the load the crane could lift was 78 of a ton. The difference being 18. He came to the conclusion that some extra load must have been placed on the jib of the crane.

Ha Sun, a fellow workman, said that five men, including the deceased, were engaged in replacing plates on the wharf. They were using a lighter with a crane on it. Two men worked the crane, while the other three worked on the wharf. They were engaged in bolting the second plate and adjusting it into position when the crane collapsed and fell on the deceased, who was one of the three fixing the plate.

Another coolie then gave corroborative evidence, after which Captain R. D. Thomas, of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, gave the history of the crane. He said that the lighter was built in 1924, and the crane installed in the

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From Per Date and Time
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Japan ... Atsuta Maru ... December 24.
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Europe via Negapatam (Letters only, London 27th November) ... Talamba ... December 25.
Shanghai and Foochow ... Ouderkerk ... December 26.
Java and Saigon ... Japan ... December 26.
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Shanghai ... Lahore ... December 26.
Europe via Negapatam (papers only, London 27th November) ... Kashima Maru ... December 27.
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and Straits ... Tjibondari ... December 29.
Java ... Tjibondari ... December 29.
Java ... Montevideo Maru ... December 29.
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Letters ... 5 p.m.

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(Ship sails 11 a.m. on Christmas Day) ... Registration ... 4.15 p.m.
Letters ... 5 p.m.
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Registration ... 4.15 p.m.
Letters ... 5 p.m.
(Due Vancouver, B.C., 9th Jan., 1931.)

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Registration ... 4.15 p.m.
Letters ... 5 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ... Hydrangea ... Thurs., Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong ... Menado Maru ... Wed., Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
Amoy ... Tjibondari ... Wed., Dec. 24, 5 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Ship sails 7 a.m. on 27th Dec.) ... Hakusan Maru ... Fri., Dec. 26, 9 a.m.
Registration ... 10 a.m.
Letters ... 10.30 a.m.
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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ... Haiching ... Fri., Dec. 26, 10 a.m.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong ... Kungchow ... Fri., Dec. 26, 10 a.m.
Japan ... Hiye Maru ... Sat., Dec. 27, 8.30 a.m.

Straits and Calcutta ... Namsang ... Sat., Dec. 27, 9 a.m.
Letters ... 9 a.m.

Shanghai, Japan and "Europe via Siberia" ... Kashima Maru ... Sat., Dec. 27, 9 a.m.
Siberia ... Cheong Shing ... Sat., Dec. 27, 9 a.m.
Foochow via Swatow ... Huichow ... Sat., Dec. 27, 9 a.m.

Amoy and Japan ... Hosang ... Sun., Dec. 28, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ... Hozan Maru ... Sun., Dec. 28, 9 a.m.
Amoy ... Linan ... Mon., Dec. 29, 3.30 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Ship sails 7 a.m. on 27th Dec.) ... Montevideo Maru ... Tues., Dec. 30, 9.30 a.m.
Registration ... 10 a.m.
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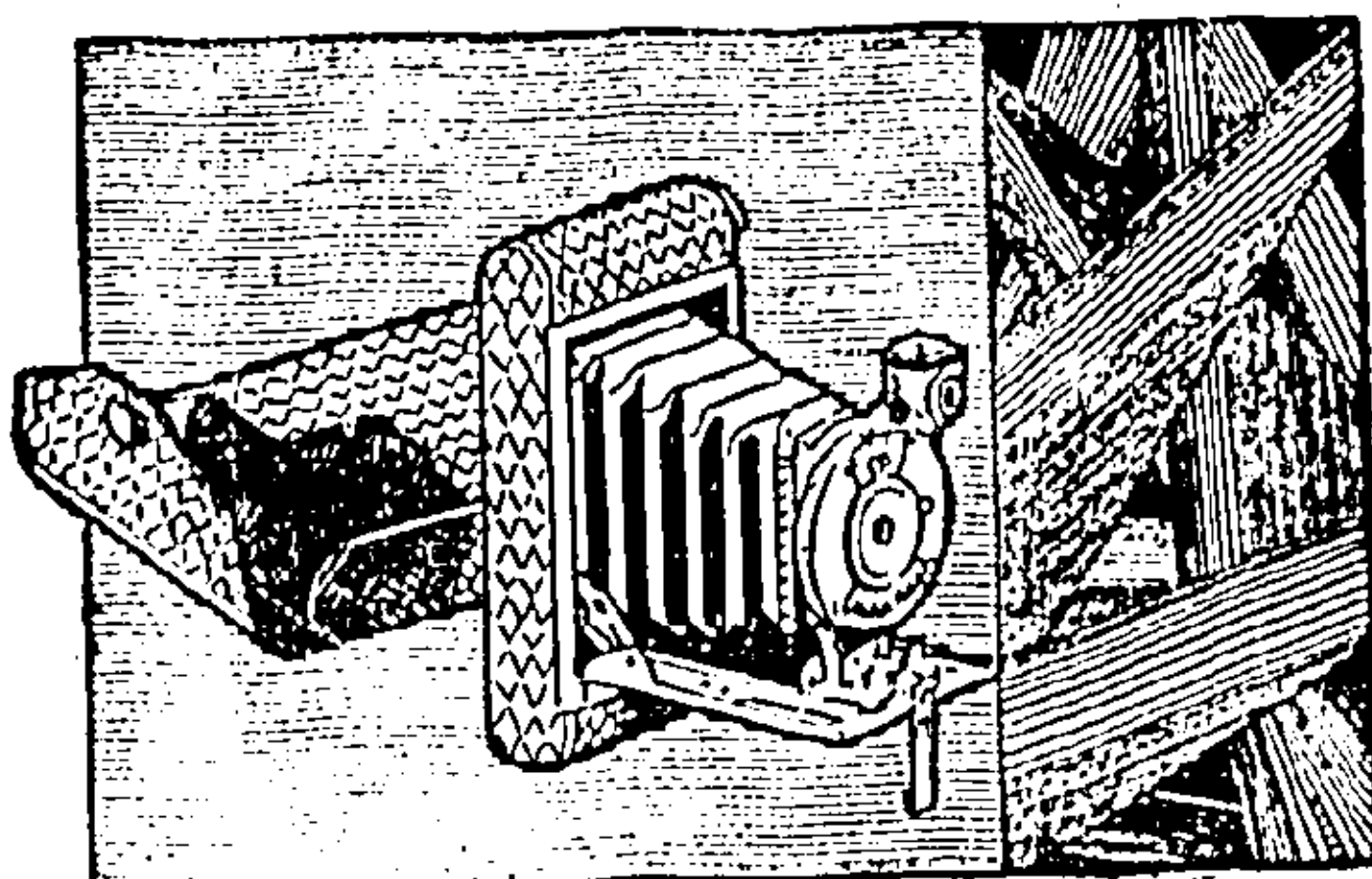
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Chorus—With A Song In My Heart. Jack Hydon and Orch. 36027.

Song—Christmas Morning At Clancy's.

Steve Porter (Comedian). 20209.

Song—My Ideal.

Maurice Chevalier (Baritone). 22542.

Chorus—Twisting The Dials.

The Happiness Boys. 35953.

Orchestral—Gems from "Follow Thru."

Orchestral—Gems from "Hold Everything."

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Song—Alabama Lullaby.

Gene Austin (Tenor). 22539.

Chorus—Happy Feet.

The Revelers. 22547.

Vocal Duet—Somewhere In Old Wyoming.

Bud Billings—Carson Robinson. 22550.

Orchestral—Gems from "Whoopie."

Orchestral—Gems from "The New Moon."

Victor Light Opera Co. 35969.

Humorous Song—I'm Yours.

Johnny Marvin. 22555.

Song—Everybody Does It In Hawaii.

Jimmie Rogers. 22143.

8.00-9.00 p.m.

Orchestral—March Of The Caucasian Chief.

Orchestral—Dance Oriental.

Philadelphian Symphony Orch. 1335.

Song—Rose In The Bud.

Reinold Werrenrath (Baritone). 1344.

Orchestral—Sincerely.

Orchestral—Wedding Of The Winds.

La Vittoria Orchestra. 35911.

Violin Solo—Scherzo-Tarantelle.

Violin Solo—La Ronde Des Lutins.

Jasha Heifetz. 5159.

Song—Lo Here The Gentle Lark.

Madam Amelin Gail-Curel. 6127.

Violin Solo—Love's Garden of Roses.

Rene Chemet. 1323.

Orchestral—Southern Roses.

Orchestral—Wine, Women and Song.

Chicago Symphony Orchestra. 5547.

Pipe Organ Solo—Christmas Fantasy.

Mark Andrews. 19816.

Chorus—Hark The Herald Angels Sing.

Trinity Choir. 19823.

Chorus—Hodie Christus Natus Est.

Dayton Westminster Choir. 20410.

(Christ is born to-day).

9.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time Etc.

9.05-11.30 p.m. Dance Programme.

Waltz.

Moon Light On The Colorado. 22526.

Fox Trot.

Don't Tell Her.

Fox Trot.

A Peach Of A Pair. 22546.

Fox Trot.

May He Be His Love.

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Just A Little Dance Man.

Selle. 22543.

Waltz.

Just A Little While.

Fox Trot.

Through. 22504.

Fox Trot.

Why Do You Suppose.

Fox Trot.

Campus Capers. 22515.

Fox Trot.

Sonhomore Prom.

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The Web Of Love. 22141.

Fox Trot.

I'm In Love With You.

Waltz.

Alice Blue Gown. 22177.

Waltz.

Beautiful Lady.

Fox Trot.

I Got Rhythm. 22558.

Fox Trot.

Embraceable You.

Fox Trot.

I'd Like To Find The Guy That Wrote The Stein Song. 22493.

Fox Trot.

What's The Use?

Fox Trot.

Following The Sun Around. 22182.

Waltz.

If You're In Love You'll Waltz. 22182.

Fox Trot.

Without Love. 22486.

Fox Trot.

So Beats My Heart For You.

Fox Trot.

Sing Song Girl. 22548.

Waltz.

Some Of The Big Trail. 22548.

Fox Trot.

Sweepin' The Clouds Away. 22346.

Fox Trot.

Any Time Is The Time To Fall In Love.

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Singing A Vagabond Song. 22306.

Fox Trot.

Puttin' On The Ritz.

Fox Trot.

She's Such A Comfort To Me. 22282.

Fox Trot.

What Is This Thing Called Love.

Fox Trot.

Miss Wonderful. 22137.

Waltz.

Dance Away The Night.

Fox Trot.

Alone With My Dreams. 22374.

Waltz.

Lazy Louisiana Moon.

Fox Trot.

All I Want Is Just One. 22384.

Fox Trot.

Unwilling To Save Your Soul.

Fox Trot.

Under Vesuvian Skies. 22460.

Fox Trot.

June Kisses.

Fox Trot.

Drop In The Arms Of Love. 22187.

Waltz.

I'll Close My Eyes To The Rest Of The World.

Waltz.

On A Little Street In Honolulu. 22504.

Waltz.

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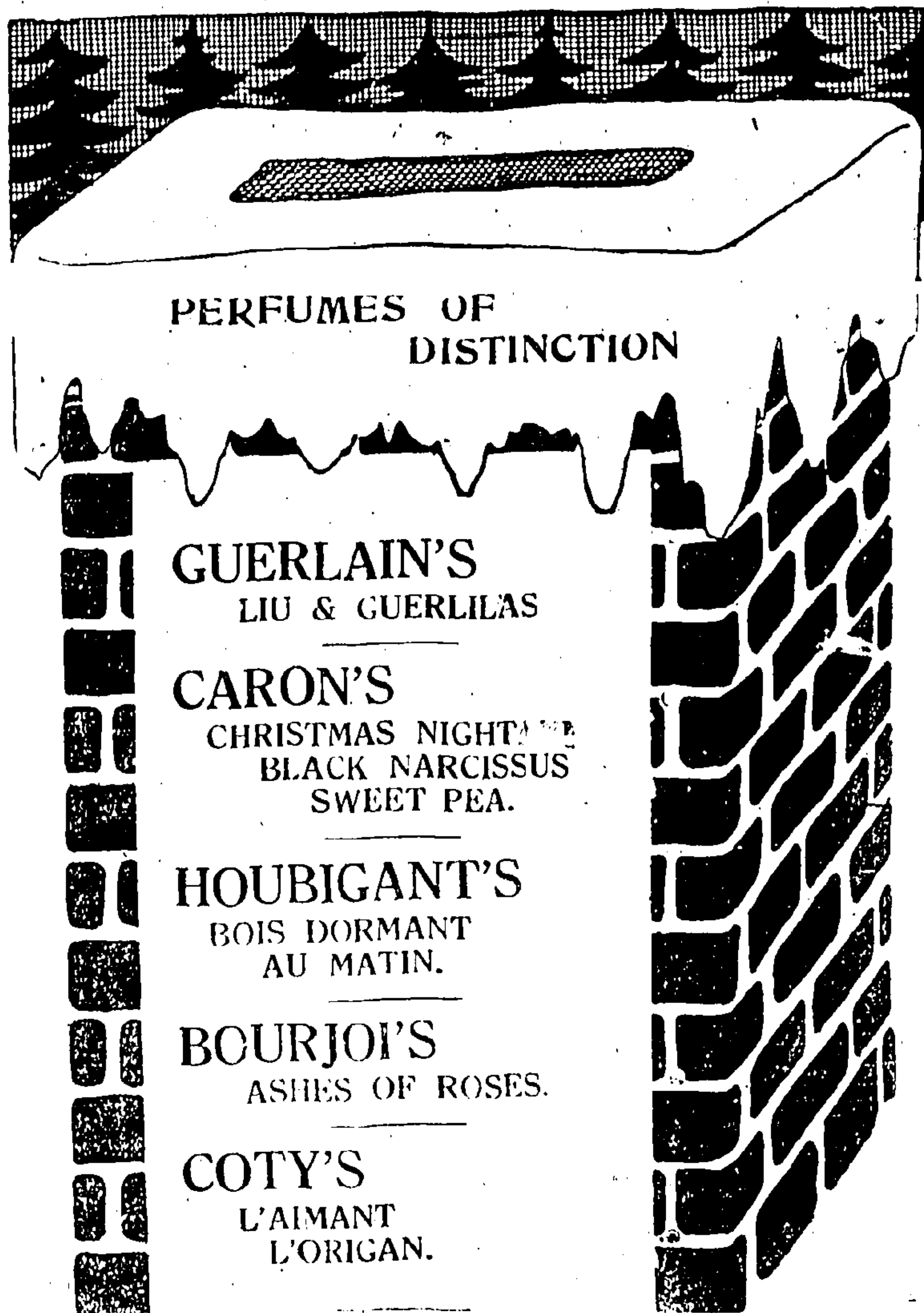
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CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

ENJOYABLE RECITAL AT THE CATHEDRAL.

The very large number of people who attended St. John's Cathedral yesterday evening for the recital of Christmas music and carols by the Hongkong University Christian Association, who were assisted by Mrs. Snowden Jones, were given a treat, a well chosen programme which included one or two of the traditional carols as well as two excerpts from the "Messiah," being delightfully rendered by the talented choir and soloist.

Opening with four verses from the famous "The First Nowell," in which the congregation joined heartily, and the Cathedral choir-boys sang discant, the next was a bracket of delightful two-part carols, "Bethlehem Down" (Peter Warlock) and "Now Every Child" (Harry Farjeon), which the choir sang with a wealth of feeling.

Mrs. Snowden Jones was in excellent voice and her singing of a couplet by that weaver of inspiring melodies, Vaughan Williams, entitled "Sweet Dreams," and "Wither's Rocking Hymn," was both tasteful and full of beautiful expression.

Mr. F. Mason, A.R.C.O., who was at the organ throughout, rendered John Ireland's "The Holy Boy" with pleasing light and shade effect, making the work a most appealing one.

The traditional "Holly and the Ivy" was given full and rich treatment by the choir, and the congregation enjoyed taking part in the carol "A Virgin Unspotted," one of the most popular of the old Christmas tunes.

Mrs. Snowden Jones gave quite a brilliant interpretation of "Rejoice Greatly" from Handel's "Messiah," allowing full scope to her voice, which was admirably suited to such a composition.

Mr. Mason gave an equally stirring rendition of the majestic anthem "And the Glory of the Lord," another excerpt from the "Messiah," his pedal work being especially impressive.

Finally the choir sang Gustav Holst's tranquil and inspiring tune to "Lullay my Liking," this being a great achievement in delicate harmony singing, supported by some excellent solo work.

The recital concluded with the congregation taking part in the singing of the "Adeste Fideles." A collection was also taken for the Organ Fund.

STEAMERS RESUME.

TO BE PLACED ON THE CANTON SERVICE.

It is understood that the two river steamers, Paul Beau and Charles Hardouin, which have been in Talkoo Dock for some weeks for repairs, will come out of dock in a week or two and will be placed on the Canton service.

The Charles Hardouin, it is said, will be out during the next few days but the Paul Beau will not be ready for another week or so. These two steamers will maintain a nightly service between Hongkong and Canton and will berth at their old wharf.

It will be recalled that when these two vessels were sold at a public auction, it was reported that the new owners intended to register them under the Portuguese flag, but since then they have decided to fly the red ensign.



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WOMEN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

COMPLEXIONS IN WINTER.

Light "Make-Up."

While couturiers have been giving us showing after showing of the new fashions, beauty specialists have been busy deciding on the new winter complexions to match.

Black and white outfits, and off-black colours call for a completely new range of complexion tints. Although Early Victorian beauty has been unanimously decided on as the ideal accompaniment to this season's fashions, it is not simply a matter of pink rouge and white powder. Houses have to be carefully chosen for their fairness with fashionable colour tones, and white powder must never be dead white, but a subtle blending of white and cream or white and pink.

Women, besides observing that the lighter make-up which is to predominate this winter is infinitely more youthful looking than the Mongolian effects of last year, and is particularly kind to hair and eyes.

No Water Washing.

A beauty specialist who has just returned from Vienna and Berlin advocates a winter complexion rule of "no water washing before going out." Water tends always to have a drying effect on the skin, and in winter one should substitute for it as far as the face, hands, and neck are concerned, a cream wash, followed by the application of a new powder cream as a "weather-proof" foundation. Choose this to

FOR XMAS.

Try Making These.

A dainty and easily made Christmas gift is a bag of party powder puffs.

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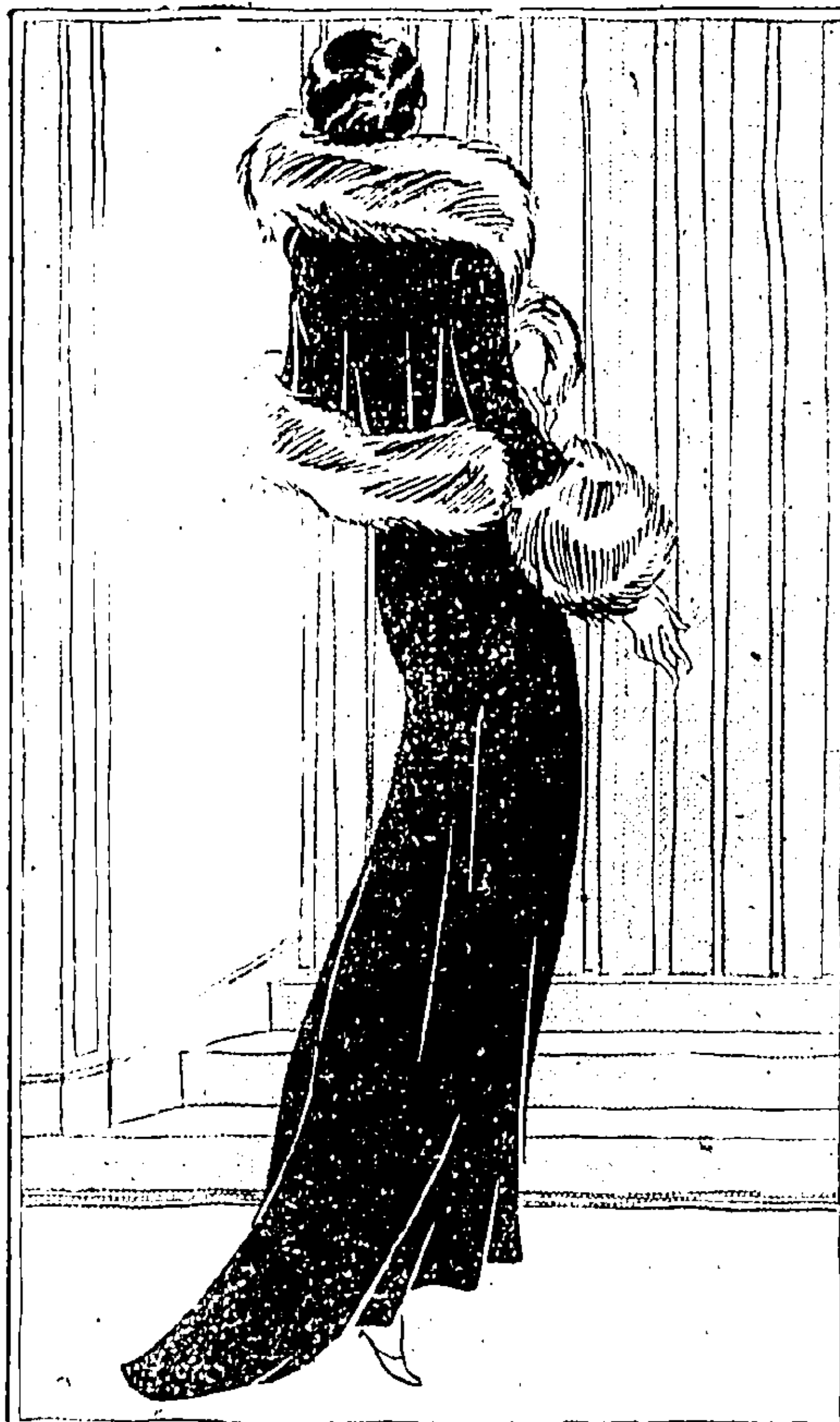
quisette or taffeta, with the outer edge finished in picot.

The powder puffs are made by cutting little squares of medicinal cotton, fluffing them out into little balls and sewing a bow of baby ribbon, each a different colour, to the top to hold them.

Put a dozen or so inside the bag, tie the bag up loosely with a satin ribbon, fastening the ribbon to the bag at intervals, and attach a ribbon with which to hang it over the side of a dressing table. Each guest can have her own powder puff when she adjusts her make-up at the party.

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A complexion velvet wrap, with fitted lines, front and sides ankle length and a slight round train, has tight long sleeves and a cape trimmed with regal fox.

FASHION NOTES.

There are few sports suits, they have been almost disregarded.

Interesting shoulder-capes with dinner frocks are to be seen.

The popularity of green is noticeable.

Green enamelled finger nails are an ugly, but popular fashion.

The importance of sleeves is evidenced in every fashion showing.

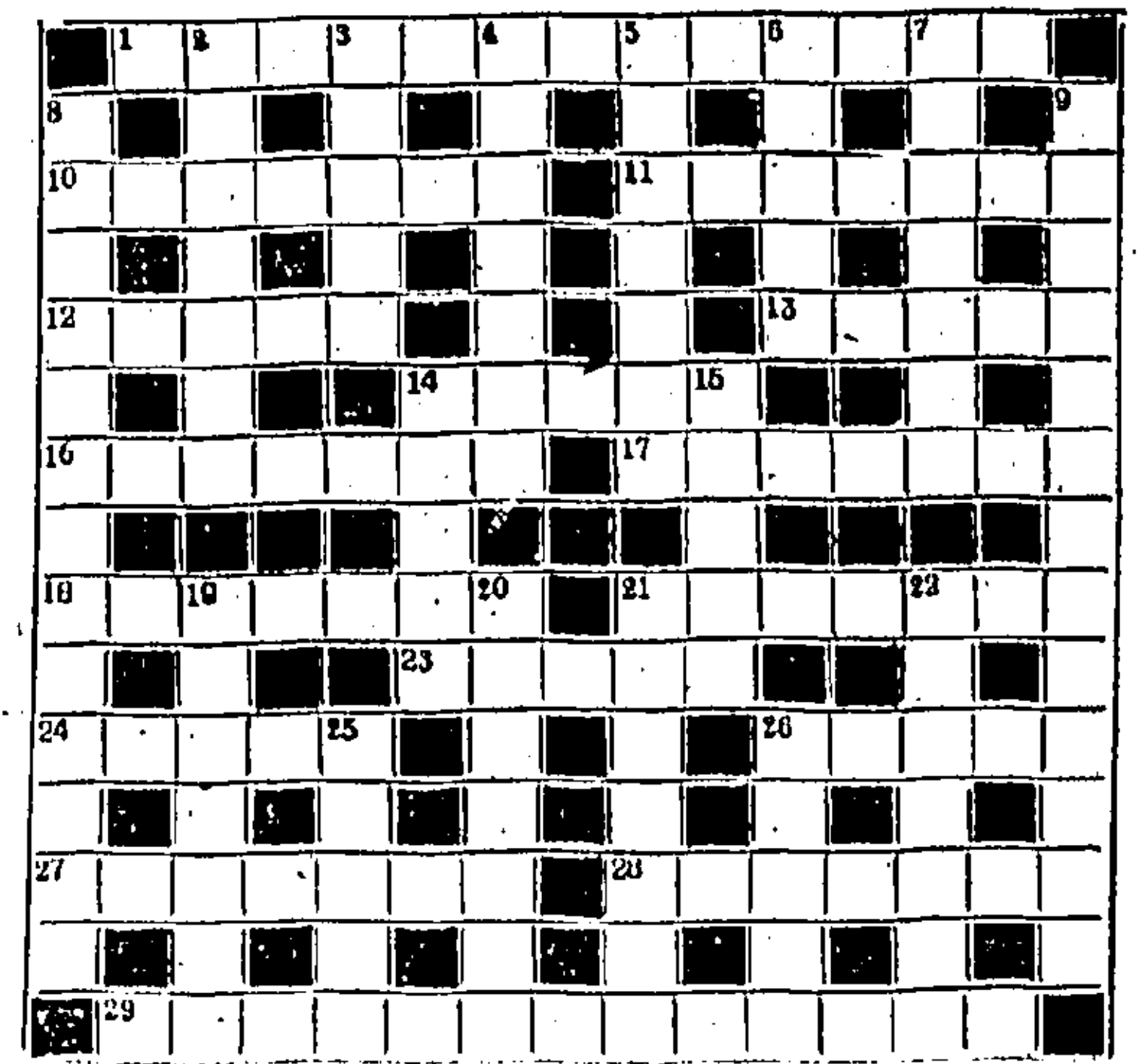
There are new methods of drawing attention to even hemlines on some frocks, by cutting them in designs.

The continued popularity of the Princess line everywhere and its exceeding narrowness are points to be noticed; the obvious deduction being that to be smart to-day means close attention to corseting.

Lace slippers are sometimes worn for evening, the lace being securely fitted over a foundation of satin or crepe-de-Chine.

Eyebrows must not be neglected these days. While exaggerated shaping is to be deplored, they must be cared for, if they are to look their best under the revealing hat-brims now in vogue.

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- Across
1 "Poor rate point" (anag.)
10 He has risen suddenly.
11 A gaily-coloured hanky.
12 The only fitting thing about this clue in its number—otherwise it's quite out of place.
13 Most women do this to their hair no longer.
14 What all crazes are bound to end in.
16 Chosen.
17 The Chief Magistrate of Mecca.
18 Today's problem.
21 Fine linen.
23 Leave this surly fellow in the lurch.
24 Princess Margaret Rose is this.
26 Which London suburb names a leather jacket worn by knights in armour?
27 Flickering.
28 This letter stands for a name.
29 "A Bulshy plumes" himself on speaking and acting so (anag.)
- Down
2 Put into another form.
3 "Confidence is a—of slow growth in an aged bosom" (William Pitt, Earl of Chatham).
4 Repeat a walk over.
5 Soaks.
6 The South American ostrich.
7 Run about idly from a sprite.
8 In an elementary sort of way.
9 A mixture of city, name and fling will do gloriously.
- 14 Flames of roaring fire licked greedily, resistlessly at the noble trees (hidden).
15 What kind of sandbank is a lot of fish?
19 Bottomless.
20 This great cat creeps along with hate in its tail.
21 The visible proof of invisible brains, or the basis of a shingle.
22 Treat with by the Court of Appeal.
25 English Borough which, soundly, is always to the fore.
26 Farewell to the French.

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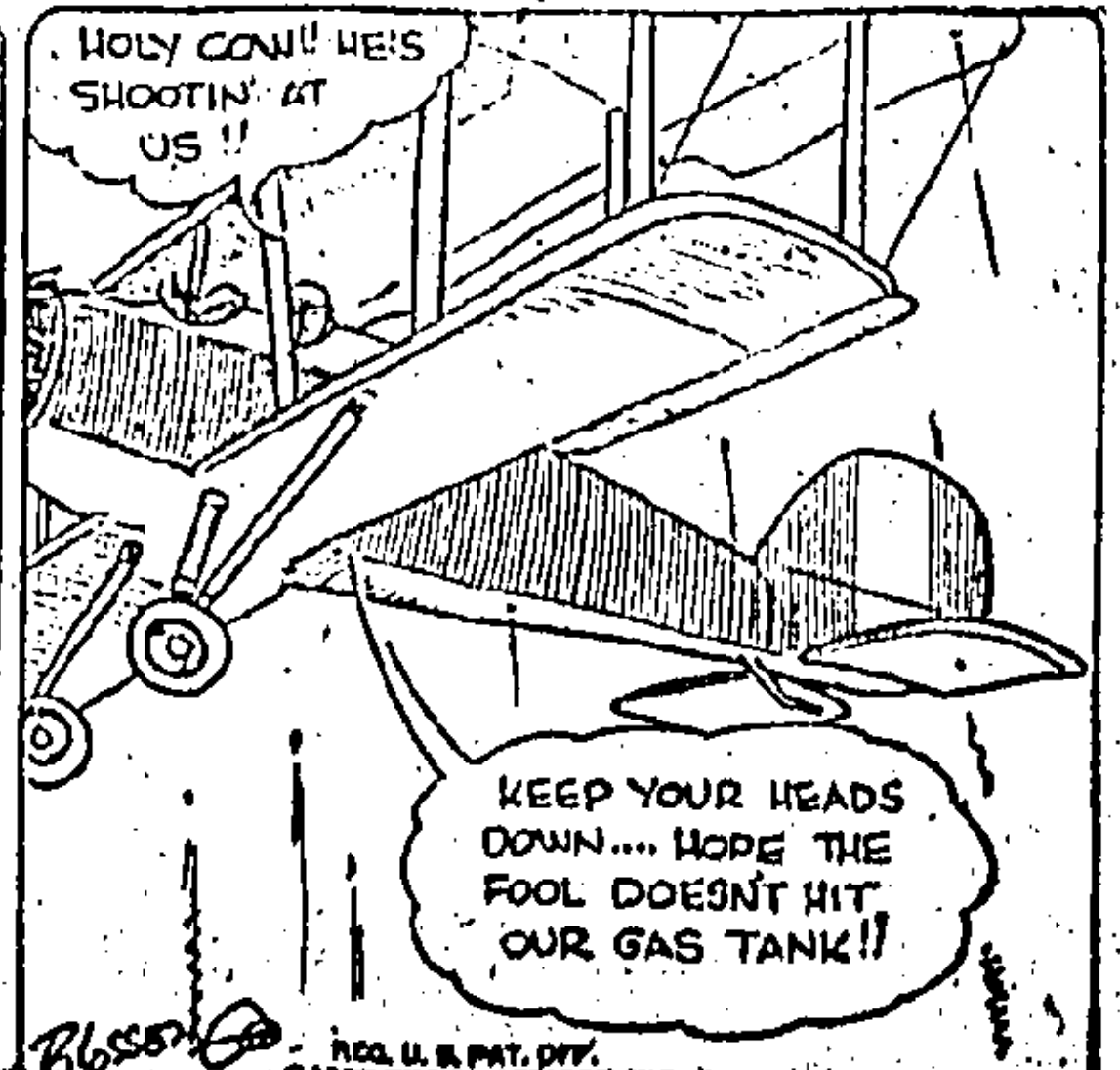
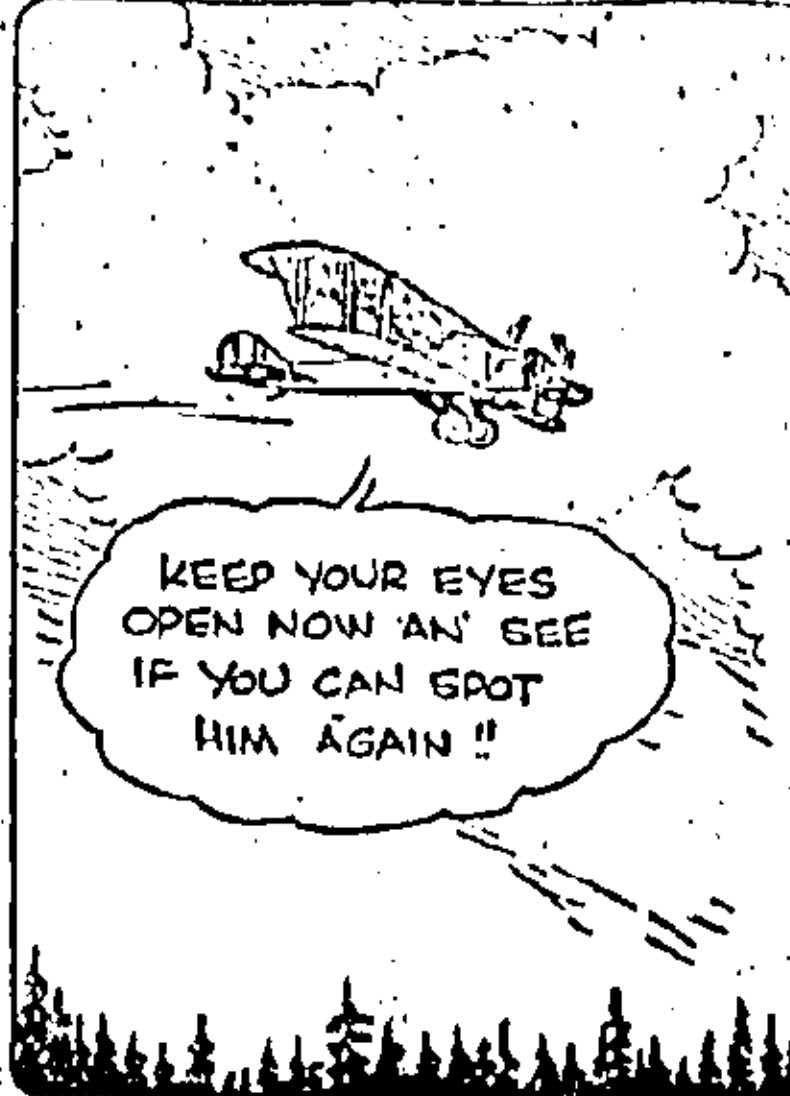
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CHILD WELFARE.

It may come as news to many of our readers to learn that there is now in existence a National Child Welfare Association of China, of which Dr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Industry of the Nanking Government, is President and who was largely concerned in its creation. The object of this social organisation is to advocate, protect and insure the rights of the children of China, and to promote, in every way possible, their well-being. According to Dr. Kung, the establishment of this body represents a patriotic attempt to serve the nation by helping its coming generation of citizens, "in whose hands rests the future of the largest and youngest democracy in the globe." When we consider the plight of so many hundreds of thousands of China's children, the immensity of the work which the Association has undertaken will be realised.

In its activities, the Association, we learn, is following the guiding principle of prevention rather than amelioration, and it is developing a constructive programme which includes the safeguarding of the legal rights of children, the establishment of child welfare homes, the care of dependent children, the promotion of children's health, assistance to parents and juvenile philanthropists, and social education aiming at the arousing of national sentiment on children's rights. In this connexion, Dr. Kung states that the establishment of a Juvenile Court in Shanghai is not far distant, whilst drafts for child protective legislation and a declaration of the rights of the child have been under study by a legal committee and will be submitted to the National Government.

Already a fine start has been made in practical work. No fewer than four thousand famine children have been helped, fifteen children's institutions have been given assistance, over fifty helpless orphans have been relieved in Shanghai, fourteen thousand sick children have been given medical aid in welfare clinics, and fifteen hundred home visits have been made by nurses in libraries of health propaganda. Of especial interest and importance are the steps being taken to arouse sentiment in connexion with maltreated children. The Shanghai Child Welfare Revolving Home is an experiment in child-placing whereby the Association hopes to serve as a go-between for childless homes and homeless

children. Already several children have been placed out with foster parents and as apprentices. There is also to be a Child Welfare Home established in Nanking, to serve as a model for the rest of the country.

It is realised that as the industrialisation of China proceeds, it will become increasingly necessary to guard against the exploitation of children, already in evidence, and which is bound to augment the evils that disease and malnutrition have already wrought. In this connexion it may be noted that China's mortality rate is wastefully high, being estimated at no less than fifty per cent. That there is ample scope for an organisation of the type now brought into being needs no emphasising, and here in Hongkong, where child welfare is being given more attention now than ever before in the history of the Colony, we cannot but wish well to those who have put their hands to this huge problem. Their work is based on high humanitarian instincts, for there can surely be no better work than service for and on behalf of poor, helpless children.

Weihsaiwei Feeling the Pinch.

The Chinese residents of Weihsaiwei have been quick to discover grounds of dissatisfaction with the new administration. Official activities have been largely concerned with the operation of the Customs Station, the Salt Gabelle and the Harbour Office, and the sudden descent of burdensome taxation has naturally aroused a storm of protest. A delegation is now on its way to Nanking charged with the difficult task of persuading the Government to give the area preferential treatment. The prospects of success, we fear, are negligible. On behalf of Weihsaiwei it may be argued that Britain handed over to China a self-supporting area not entirely devoid of a promising future, populated by inhabitants who know what is good government—so succinctly appreciated by that gift to Sir Reginald Johnston of pure spring water in a spotless white bowl—and dependent for its economic success upon a maintenance of similar conditions, the alternative being a valueless addition to Nanking's many responsibilities. On the other side, it may be pointed out that Weihsaiwei's existence as a free port enabled the trade to penetrate beyond the borders of the territory in what practically amounted to an unofficial, though quite open, form of smuggling. The result was that goods which would otherwise have gone to Taingtao or Chefoo have been diverted to Weihsaiwei which thereby has been serving an area considerably larger than it ordinarily would. Customs revenues at these two ports have suffered to a considerable degree, and the changed circumstances merely have the effect of restoring to them their rightful volume of trade. Those who lived upon this not altogether proper prosperity must necessarily suffer. The official argument is one difficult to overcome and however much Weihsaiwei dislikes the new Customs Station, the residents will have to put up with it, consoling themselves, if they can, with the thought of their "splendid" contribution to the success of China's diplomacy.

VALUATION OF A FACTORY.

KNITTING CO. ORDERED TO PAY \$550.

Messrs. Carmichael and Clarke, No. 3, Queen's Building, were plaintiffs in the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Jackson, when they claimed against the Mee Wah Knitting Company, of Tam Kung Road, Kowloon, for \$550, being the cost of preparing an inventory and valuation of defendants' Causeway Bay factory.

Mr. C. E. L. Grist was for plaintiffs, while defendants were neither present nor represented. Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield, in evidence, stated that he was a partner in the plaintiff firm. He said that on September 7, 1928, defendant firm instructed his firm to make a valuation report of their premises. The matter was attended to, but, in spite of frequent applications, nothing had been paid at all. Replying to the Lordship, Mr. Brayfield said that the fee was an agreed one and was reasonable. His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiffs with costs.

DAY BY DAY

A SLAVE HAS BUT ONE MASTER; THE AMBITIOUS MAN HAS AS MANY MASTERS, AS THERE ARE PERSONS WHOSE AID MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF HIS FUTURE.—*La Bruyere.*

The next issue of the *Hongkong Telegraph* will be on Boxing Day. We take this opportunity of wishing all our readers a Merry Christmas.

Messrs. Watanmool Boolehand have issued a very acceptable desk jottling pad.

The dollar showed an advance of 1/8th this morning, the quotation being 1s. 1 1/2d.

A Christmas Tree Party for pupils and friends is to be held at the Maurice Physical Training Institute on December 26, at 4.30 p.m.

The well-known marine and motor engineers, Messrs. John I. Thornycroft and Co., Ltd., have issued excellent wall calendars, depicting their famous products.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Sverre Osmund Berg, "Bergslien," The Peak, to Miss Tui O'Kane, Park Lane Mansions, Sydney, now residing at No. 151, The Peak.

Suffering from the effects of some unknown poisoning, Ho Chi-yuen, a printer of the Commercial Press at Kennedy Town, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment yesterday.

Among the visitors to Hongkong is Mr. G. H. Dunscomb, vice-president of the First National Bank of Chicago. Mr. Dunscomb is combining business with pleasure on a round trip through Japan, China, Indo-China, Java and Australia.

Ching Kwong-kit, master of a fishing boat, has reported to the police that another fishing boat collided with his off Wexlan during the early hours of Monday morning, damage to the extent of \$200 being caused. The other boat sailed off after the mishap.

Five Chinese were charged before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with having stowed away on the a.s. Tjilliwong from Sandakan. They pleaded guilty and were fined \$50 or one month's imprisonment each. A police officer stated that one of them had \$290 in his possession.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., advertise that all departments will be open to-day until 7 p.m. On Christmas Day and Friday, the 26th inst., all departments will be closed. On these days, the Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. On Saturday, the 27th inst., all departments will be opened for business as usual.

On the appearance on remand of the foki of the fruit market of Bonham Strand West, before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning on a charge of murdering another stall foki Mr. T. Murphy (Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence) intimated that the Crown would be ready to proceed with the case almost immediately. Mr. Arthur Covey appeared for the defendant, who was remanded until Monday, when dates for the hearing will be fixed.

THIS YOUTH BUSINESS.

No. 2—Life's

Apprenticeship.

By

BOYD CABLE.

THE MAIN TROUBLE with a large section of "Youth" to-day is that it isn't Youth. This is the section which has completely outgrown Youth, is well into young manhood and womanhood, but continues to believe it is, to think and act as if it still were, Youth.

This section usually belongs to what one may call the "Pleasured Class." It can't be called a leisured class because many in it are busy enough in their own way, even if it is only in entertaining and, still more, in being entertained while passing the time until their friends or relatives find them a job, or in work at college, and improving their golf and car driving on vacation for about a third of the year.

This class is extremely visible and vocal. Their escapades, their freedom of litchkey, cocktail and cigarette, their talk and their opinions published in the Press about the "Rights" of Youth, all tend to spread a belief that they are Youth, and thoroughly representative of it.

When I find that some of them are anything up to twenty-five years of age I consider them long past the age that entitles them to belong to or speak for Youth.

They are a Pleasured Class because all through their real youth, they were given not only the care, protection and guidance, but were indulged in every pleasure their people could afford—and often a bit over. When they reached the litchkey and cigarette age, which should properly have marked the conclusion of their youth, they were given the key and the pocket-money for smokes, dropped the push-bike for a motor-bike or baby sports car, blossomed out in smart clothes, took up golf seriously, and were quite content to hang over their period of "youth" as late as it could run.

That their elders were equally, or even more, to blame for permitting this than they were for accepting it, does not altogether absolve the mutton-dressed-as-lamb "Youth." The "Rights" of Youth have been stated frankly and freely enough by Youth. They claim the right for Youth to be "given a hearing," to be "given a chance," or "given a finer show" or "given a say."

It is always, you will note, to be "given" something, and it does not seem to have occurred to them that they might get somewhere a bit quicker if they'd set out to earn, or take, something for themselves, and also to give a bit as well as be given.

The big difference between this delayed action type of Youth, and the genuine Youth, is that the first is quite happy to protract the Youth period indefinitely, while the latter looks forward eagerly to being eighteen or nineteen, and then being finished with Youth and allowed to take a man's or woman's place in the fighting line.

I wonder if an important cause of the discontent and mutinous feeling which affects a certain proportion of the normal ripening Youth—and almost all those over-ripe ones—is not a lack of ideals.

Youth, to my mind, is a sort of apprenticeship to the real business of life, and the apprenticeship

might be so much happier if it had an ideal to work to and for; and those who want to try to "hitch their wagon to a star," to find a useful and satisfying ideal might try out the ideal of "Service."

This is an ideal which has the merit of being a well-liked and well-proved one, and of having a whole army of followers who not only brighten their own outlook, but add quite a bit to the brightness of the world.

Youth that has no ambition—except to be given a comfortable, well-paid job with prospects of rapid promotion for a minimum of hard work—and no ideal, is missing a good deal of the savour of life, and is too easily able and inclined to slide into that irritated belief that every adult hand is against them, that they are being held back and kept down, and not given a chance.

I fancy they have a much more serious cause for complaint than the adult hand has too often pushed them forward and up into a false position and prominence, especially in that "Pleasured Class."

If Youth wants to know exactly how much or how little they are being given a fair chance, they are only to find out what their own parents had of "chances" given them in their youth.

It is a fair bet that they will find most of their parents had shed their youth completely well before they touched their twenties, and that what chances they had they went out and looked for and fought to get.

It is also probable that Youth would find on inquiry that most of the older generation who most happily pushed along the road of life had an ideal of some sort—as well as an ambition—shining somewhere up the road, and got quite a lot of help and contentment from it.

An ambition should not be confused with an ideal. It is possible to own both as a good working team, but an ambition alone may easily be a purely selfish one, and selfishness can hardly be an ideal. I do not find Youth lacking as a rule in ambition, but ideals certainly do not seem to be so prominent a feature.

The difficulty for the older generation who do actually want to give Youth all the helping hand possible, is that an ideal is not something that can be handed on ready-made to Youth.

Youth must seek and find their own, but at least the oldsters may make a useful suggestion that an ideal is worth the seeking.

CHASE AFTER ORIENT EXPRESS.

YOUNG RUNNER'S FEAT IN TURKEY.

A young man named Nunari, employed in the tourist department of the principal hotel in Pera, has been the hero of a remarkable exploit by which he succeeded in overtaking the Simplon-Orient express from Stambul after it had travelled over sixteen miles on its way to Paris.

A party of Americans whom Nunari had conducted to Stambul Railway Station discovered a quarter of an hour before the departure of the express that the necessary Turkish visas had not been endorsed. The young man volunteered to obtain the necessary endorsements from the police headquarters and be back before the train left.

When Nunari returned he found that the express had already departed with the Americans. The first stop would be at San Stefano about 15 miles distant. He determined to risk the journey, and, jumping again into his taxi, he started on a wild rush to San Stefano. There is no speed limit on this road because the authorities well know that high speeds are impossible if the car is to survive.

When the taxi reached San Stefano the train had just started off to Kuchuk Cekmekli, the next stopping-place, about three miles farther on. The road here was almost impassable, and, after bumping along to the next village, the driver absolutely refused to go any farther. Nunari could see the tantalising train slowly climbing the incline to Kuchuk Cekmekli where it would only stop for two minutes. Casting off his hat and overcoat he ran on to the railway line and sprinted along the sleepers.

He reached the train, shouting with all his might and holding aloft the passports. Most of the passengers and train officials were at the windows watching the unusual spectacle and cheering him on. He handed over the passports to the Americans just as the train was moving off again.



"—add a dash of grenade and shake well. You might prefer just a little more gin."

FOOCHOW'S FAMOUS BRIDGE.

600-YEAR-OLD STRUCTURE BEING WIDENED.

MODERN DEMANDS.

Foochow, Dec. 19.

A fresh instance of the way in which Foochow, like the rest of China is changing, is the widening of the famous Bridge of Ten Thousand Ages. The bridge was built in the time of the Emperor Ta-Teh, of the Yuan dynasty, in the year 1330 A.D. Under the Emperor Chien-Lung (Tang dynasty) it was repaired and altered, in the year 1780. When one remembers that at that time the use of machinery was still unknown, it is wonderful that the bridge has been able to stand the stress imposed upon it by the swift flow of the River Min, waters of which in time of flood, often flow over the surface of the roadway. Its beauty has long been an object of admiration by visitors from all over the world, and pictures or photographs of it always provoke delighted comment.

But it has proved far too narrow for modern requirements. Barely twelve feet broad, it was just sufficient for the foot traffic of the past. The advent of rickshaws caused frequent crowding, and the uneven surface made the occupants of the rickshaws feel more inclined to walk. Then came horse-drawn vehicles, and now the introduction of motor-cars has made the problem one of real urgency. Two cars could not pass on the bridge, so a system of red and green lights has been installed, to notify an approaching car whether it safe to proceed or not—obviously a very unsatisfactory expedient.

Now a thorough alteration has been commenced. A contract has been made with a Japanese firm, to lay down a completely new road, using the old piers that have so well stood the test of time. The new bridge is to be two and a half times as wide as the old one, with a carriage-way twenty feet broad in the middle, and a footpath five feet wide on each side. According to the contract, the work is to be finished in four months; no mean aim, as the total length of the two bridges (for there is a shorter bridge at the south side of the Middle Island) is 1,150 feet. It will be interesting to see if the time limit will be observed. The cost of the alterations will be more than \$145,000.

This contract is not the work of a moment. Careful investigation has been going on for some time, and we are assured that the changes made will in no way interfere with the safety of the bridge. Now that the work has been begun, people are realising how convenient the bridge was, despite its narrowness. During alterations, passengers will be conveyed across the river in large ferries, boats drawn by small motor tugs, free of charge; but the trouble of waiting for these boats, getting on and off them, &c., will make people unwilling to cross the river, unless it is really necessary. It is interesting to note that the authorities, in addition to providing these boats, have arranged for a number of men to be on the spot, ready to pull out of the water anyone who misses his footing. As it is estimated that several hundred cross the river every five minutes, this precaution is quite reasonable.

At all events, the alteration of the Bridge of Ten Thousand Ages is another sign of the new epoch which is dawning in China.—Our Own Correspondent.

34 YEARS IN PRISON FOR £14.

RECORDED AND WAY CRIMINALS WERE MADE.

Sentences totalling over 34 years for stealing less than £14 worth of property were mentioned at the Old Bailey when James Brady, aged 73, pleaded guilty to house-breaking at Woodford Green.

Detective Pharaoh said that Brady was first convicted when he was 19, and sentenced to three months' hard labour for stealing money from a till. His next sentence was at the age of 22, when he received seven years' penal servitude for stealing an empty cash-box value 5s.

The Recorder (Sir Ernest Wild, K.C.)—They gave him seven years for that?—Yes.

Has anybody tried to help him?—No.

The Recorder—This is a concrete illustration of the way our predecessors manufactured criminals. "Thank God that is not the way we treat criminals now," he said. "We have gentler and more effective measures."

The Recorder said that he would give Brady a real chance and postponed sentence.

"I am only sorry it is 50 years too late," he added.

CHINA'S POSITION IN OUTLINE.

CLAIMS OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSIONER.

London, Dec. 23.

A review of the political outlook in China, submitted to the Manchester Chamber of Commerce by Doctor Kuang-sun Young (the Special Commissioner in Europe of the Chinese Government) has just been issued.

It expresses the opinion that renewal of the treaty on which rests Sino-British relations, which is to expire two years hence, is plainly impossible. Nationalist China, while desirous of abolishing extraterritoriality, does not desire abolition of foreign legitimate interests, property rights and personal safety.

Dr. Young notes with satisfaction the decrease of foreigners in China who have always urged their Governments to a "strong" policy. Discussing China's international status, Dr. Young says what Nationalist China wants is the passing of the unequal treaty regime, but what is even more important is the passing of the fossil mentality, which augurs well for the friendly relations between China and the Powers. The reaction caused by the foreign Powers dilly-dallying is vanishing.

China is not all war and banditry. She is getting ahead, and since the "Three Eastern Provinces" (Dr. Young objects to the name Manchuria) have sided with the Central Government, the outlook for peace, stability and commerce is brightening daily.—Reuter.

BRITISH WIVES OF ALIENS.

BILL TO RESTORE A LOST RIGHT.

British women who marry foreigners will remain British, if a Bill introduced by Dr. Ethel Benham, Labour M.P. for Islington, E., becomes law.

The Bill, known as the Nationality of Women Bill, is backed by Dr. Marion Phillips (Lab., Sunderland), Miss Pictou-Turberville (Lab., The Wrekin), Miss E. Wilkinson (Lab., Middlesbrough), Miss J. Lee (Lab., Lamark, N.), Lady Noel Buxton (Lab., N. Norfolk), Miss E. Rathbone (Ind. English Universities), Mr. J. Clutter Ede (Lab., South Shields), Mr. H. T. Muggerside (Lab., Romford), Mr. G. Mander (L., Wolverhampton, E.) and Mr. C. Wilson (Lab., Attercliffe).

A memorandum attached to the Bill, states that the measure restores to a British woman the right she lost in 1870 of retaining her British nationality on marriage with an alien; and provides that a woman who has already lost her British nationality by marriage shall regain it unless she makes a declaration of allegiance.

Wives from Abroad.

It further provides that an alien woman shall not, as at present, acquire British nationality by marriage with a British subject. It requires her to undergo the usual naturalisation formalities. At the same time, the Bill safeguards the position of alien women who have already been recognised as British on their marriage with British subjects.

The Bill is on the lines of the recommendations of the Imperial Conference.

NEW TYPE OF STRAIT WAISTCOAT.

FOR USE IN MILITARY PRISONS.

A new type of strait waistcoat is to be introduced in military detention barracks and military prisons, to be used if necessary to restrain prisoners undergoing sentence who may be guilty of violent conduct. It takes the place of the loose canvas restraint jacket.

No soldier under sentence is placed under mechanical restraint except in case of urgent necessity. It is also provided by regulations that no soldier shall be kept under mechanical restraint for more than 24 hours without an order in writing from the General Officer Commanding specifying the cause and the time under which the soldier is to be so restrained.

These mechanical devices are, moreover, resorted to only on medical grounds and by the direction of the medical officer. The soldier under restraint in the jacket is visited by the medical officer at least twice in 24 hours, and oftener if necessary.

Military punishments were at one time considerably more severe than they are to-day. Flogging was formerly carried out on a wholesale scale, sentences of 300 to 500 lashes being common. Eventually flogging disappeared, and now "Field Punishment No. 1" has been taken out of the "Manual of Military Law."

A BRITON IN ALL BUT NAME.

HOME OFFICE AND A PATRIOTIC ALIEN.

A man who has lived in England for 40 years—ever since he was eight years old—was summoned at Marylebone for using a name other than that by which he was ordinarily known on the date of the outbreak of the Great War.

The defendant was a Dutch subject named John Philip Katz, of Walmer street, Marylebone. His counsel said that Katz was educated at a London Board School, married a British woman, and for 30 years had been connected with St. Augustine's Church, Hoxton, acting as sidesman and Sunday School teacher.

He was a man of most exemplary character, as the clergy of the church would testify.

Tried to Enlist.

He was also perfectly patriotic. When the war started he applied to join up, and was told that he could not until he was naturalised, and when he asked to be naturalised he was told he could not do so until the war was over.

At the end of 1914 he changed his name by deed poll to Scott—the Home Office allowing him to do so—and he continued to use that name for four years, when permission was withdrawn.

The Magistrate (Mr. Halkett): Why did the Home Office withdraw it?

Counsel: I don't know. There was no suggestion against him and there never has been.

Counsel added that it was the defendant's anxiety to become a naturalised British subject that had brought about these proceedings, he having described himself in his applications as "commonly known as Scott."

"This seems rather like persecution," said the magistrate. He dismissed the summons as bad on the technical ground that it did not mention the date of the offence. "I am very glad of the excuse," he said.

DIVORCE JUDGE ON "HOME."

"WHERE A MAN'S HEART IS."

The problem of "Where is home?" was raised in the Divorce Court in a case concerning the domicile of Mr. Herbert Owen Fowler.

In 1914 he went to the Malay States; he was married in 1916 at Singapore, and in 1920 he and his wife returned to England and stayed with Mr. Fowler's father at Thornton Heath.

At the end of 1922 they took a flat in Paris, and at times Mrs. Fowler came to Thornton Heath. Their child is at school in England.

In September last year Mrs. Fowler came to England and Mr. Fowler began proceedings for divorce in Paris on the ground of alleged desertion. The French court stayed proceedings until the question of domicile had been decided in England.

A Question of Affection. Lord Merivale said that the parties both spoke of the flat in Paris as "home," but that expression meant nothing. It had been said that a man's home was where his heart was, and that might be where the people were for whom the man had the most affection.

He had no doubt that the home tie in the husband's mind had been weakened by the years spent abroad, and it might also be said that he had acquired something like an international domicile.

But had Mr. Fowler abandoned his old relationship with England? He had not proved that he had a domicile in any State other than England. Judgment would therefore be in favour of the wife.

MAN "LED AWAY" BY WOMAN.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENT IN DIVORCE SUIT.

In the Divorce Court recently the President (Lord Merivale) granted the petition of Mr. Ernest Marchant Smith, an advertisement copy writer, of Abbridge, near Romford, Essex, for the dissolution of his marriage, on the ground that his wife, Mrs. Gladys Amy Marchant Smith, had been guilty of adultery with Mr. Michael Repta Christopher Groves, a traveller, of Regent-road, Salford.

Lord Merivale said that at the time of the marriage the husband was 25 and the wife 23.

"Sorry though I am," concluded Lord Merivale, "to be obliged to come to a conclusion which may be very prejudicial to a young man like the co-respondent, who, I will say frankly, has been led away by a young woman who desired an association with him, I must find that the petitioner has made out his case, and there must be a decree nisi with costs."

COUNTY CRICKETER'S FIGHT.

CHARGE OF UNLAWFUL WOUNDING.

George Brown, aged 43, the Hampshire and England cricketer, gave evidence at Eastleigh Police Court against Arthur Frederick George Eames, aged 31, his son-in-law, who with his father, mother, and brother, was charged with unlawfully wounding Brown.

The others accused were Annie Eames, aged 48, Albert Smith Eames, 58, and Albert Charles Thomas Eames, aged 22, of Clundford, Hampshire. Superintendent Dragnell said that trouble arose during the removal of furniture from the house where the Eames lived together. Brown's daughter was separated from Arthur Eames, and the solicitors arranged that certain furniture given to her by Brown should be returned to her.

Brown, who limped into court, stated in evidence, that when he spoke to his son-in-law about some missing furniture, Eames invited him to fight.

Brown said that as this was not the first time he had been insulted, despite all the help in food and money he had given to Eames, he would accept the challenge.

"The Hooligan's But."

He fought Eames in a field opposite the house and landed several straight lefts and right hooks. However, he did not follow up his advantage. Eames then attacked him with "the hooligan's butt," and threw his arms around his legs and forced his head into him, throwing him to the ground. Eames's father and mother urged their son on.

"I was standing on guard, thinking it was all over," continued Brown, "when Arthur Eames came at me again. He suddenly kicked me on the shins; then in the stomach, and while on top of me on the ground clawed at my face."

Someone picked him up. Eames then seized him by the throat and he thought that he was finished. Mrs. Eames hit him on the head with something hard, and after what seemed hours someone pulled Eames up and he got to his feet, but collapsed.

Dr. Misquith, who attended Brown, said that the injuries to the throat and abdomen might have had very serious results. The accused persons elected to go for trial and reserved their defence. The Bench reduced the charge to one of the causing grievous bodily harm, and committed them for trial at Hampshire Quarter Sessions, allowing bail.

LORD DERBY'S APPEAL TO YOUNG MEN.

TAKE PART IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

The Earl of Derby, at the Liverpool Constitutional Club urged the younger generation to come forward and play their part in public affairs.

"There comes a time," he stated, "when old actors ought to get off the stage before they are kicked off. At the present moment older actors like myself remain on, not because they want to stop others, but because they know that there is a very great gap, owing to the war, between one generation and another, and they want to place their experience at the disposal of younger men."

"What depresses me is the extraordinary apathy and unwillingness of so many men to take their proper part in the conduct of municipal and international affairs, and their extraordinary attitude in taking advantage of other men's work and never doing a hand-stir themselves."

"You have to speak out to these men. Unless they will only have themselves to blame if things go against them in future."

Lord Derby, in urging business men and younger men to come forward, said that he was referring not only to political affairs.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	123.50	123.00
Geneva	25.00	25.00
Berlin	20.37 1/2	20.37 1/2
Oslo	18.15 1/2	18.15 1/2
Helsingfors	193	193
Athens	375 1/2	375
Buenos Aires	36.15/16	36 1/2
Shanghai	1.75/20/32	1.75 1/2
New York	48.5/1/32	48.5 1/2
Amsterdam	12.05 1/2	12.05 1/2
Stockholm	18.10 1/2	18.10
Vienna	34.47 1/2	34.47 1/2
Madrid	45.60	45.60
Bucharest	817 1/2	818
Montevideo	1.71 1/2	1.71 1/2
Brussels	32.70 1/2	32.70 1/2
Milan	82.75 1/2	82.75 1/2
Copenhagen	108.25	108.25
Lisbon	103 1/2	103 1/2
Prague	103 1/2	103 1/2
Rio	1.75 1/2	1.75 1/2
Bombay	2/0.9/10	2/0.9/10
Yokohama	15.1/10	14.18/10
Silver (spot)	15	14 1/2
" (forward)	15	14 1/2

—British Wireless.

MOLTEN SLAG FLUNG HIGH IN AIR.

HUNDREDS FLEE IN TERROR.

When molten slag from the furnaces of the Lancashire Steel Corporation was being tipped on a heap in the Corporation's ground to-night (Nov. 30), a terrific explosion occurred, a column of slag, weighing hundreds of tons, being shot high into the air.

Sheets of flame lit up the dark surroundings with eerie effect, and the explosion—there were two reports in quick succession—was heard ten miles away.

People living in Whitfield-street, a stone's throw from the scene, rushed from their rocking houses, carrying their children.

Nearly every window of the 60 houses in the street was blown out. Showers of glass fell on the heads of passersby. Along the Liverpool-road 14 shops and one house had windows shattered.

Thrown Out of Bed.

Among those who had amazing escapes from serious injury were Mrs. Harriet Brittle, living at Whitfield-street, who was in bed with her 24-hour-old baby.

Mrs. Brittle said: "I heard an explosion and I was not alarmed, but then suddenly there was another tremendous explosion and I felt the whole house rock."

"The bed swung from side to side. The windows were blown out. I grasped hold of my baby with one arm, then grasped hold of the bed and got ready to jump out, but my mother came to me. I thought we were being thrown out of bed."

Another neighbour, Mrs. Alice Brown, who has been bed-ridden for nearly two years, was thrown out of bed on to the hearth.

The general manager of the company, Mr. J. Thornton, afterwards gave the following statement to a News-Chronicle reporter:

"The explosion was due to molten slag being poured on to the slag heap which had some water at the bottom. The impact of the two elements caused a sudden explosion of what is technically known as a 'slag ball.'"

The molten slag was drawn to the heap by a tank engine, the driver and fireman of which, although standing close to the heap, were uninjured.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1,760 n.
Chartered Bank, 217 1/2 n.
Mercantile A. & B., 227 n.
East Asia 115 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$1,230 n.
Union China Ins., \$525 n.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
China Underwriters, \$3.15 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Fires, \$450 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1215 b.
Shipping.
Douglases, 28 1/2 s.
H. K. Steamboats, \$30.50 b.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$24 n.
Union Waterboats, \$39 n.

Mining.

Benguela, \$11.10 n.
Kallans, 25/9 n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 1 b.
Roubs, \$33 b.

Decks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$172 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$30 b.
China Providents, \$5.30 b. (old).
Hongkew's, Tls. 284 n.
New Engineerings, Tls. 7.10 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 114 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. \$11.80 s.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 79 1/2 (old) n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$12.50 s.
H. K. Lands, \$34 b. (old).
do \$33 s.
Shai Land Tls. 322 b.
Humphreys, \$17.35 b.
Realities, \$9.40 s.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$18 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 1/2 n.
Star Ferries \$94 1/2 n.
China Lights, (old) \$25.10 s.
H. K. Electric, \$32 s.
Macao Electric, \$28 n.
Telephones \$35 1/2 n.
China Buses, Tls. 19.60 n.
Singapore Tractions, 7/6 s.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 cts. b.
Malabons, \$27 n.
Cald: Macg. Ord: Tls. 10.75 n.
Canton Ices, \$3.80 s.
Cements (Comb) \$17.85 b.
Ropes, \$11.45 s.
United Asbestos \$5 n.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$27.50 b.
Watsons, \$12.75 s.
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$3.70 n.
Mackintosh, \$19 b.
Sincere, \$11.60 n.
Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$33 n.
Constructions, \$4 1/2 b.
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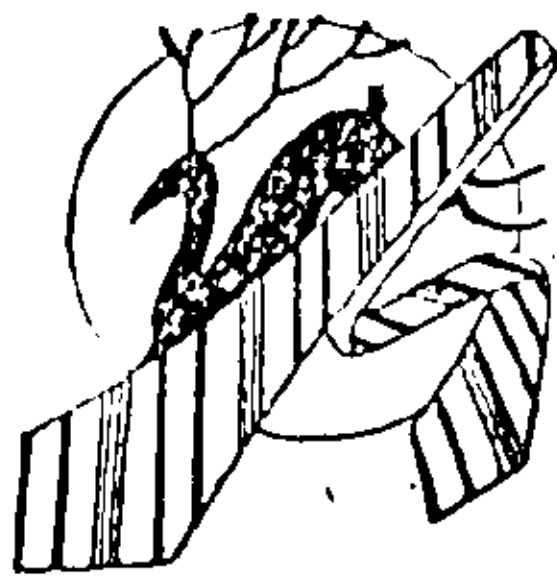
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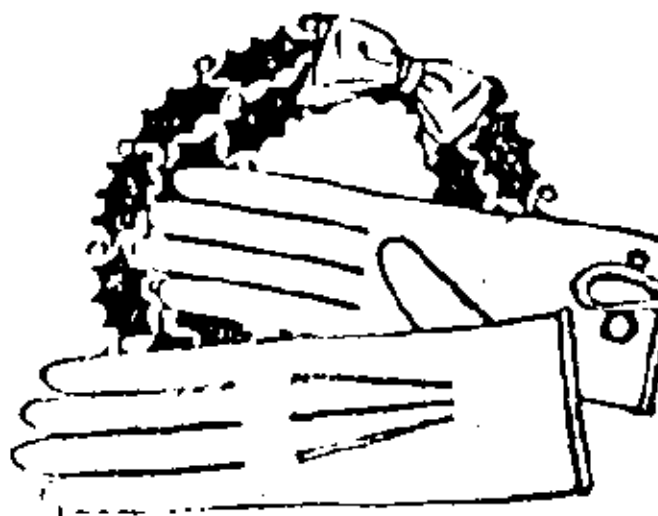
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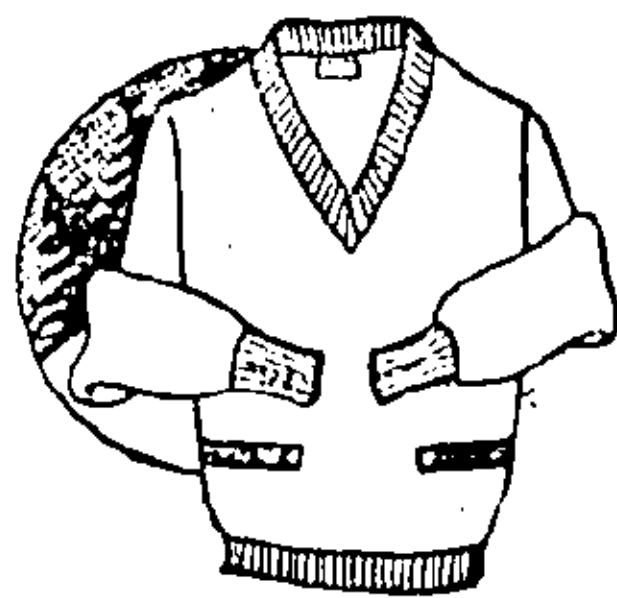
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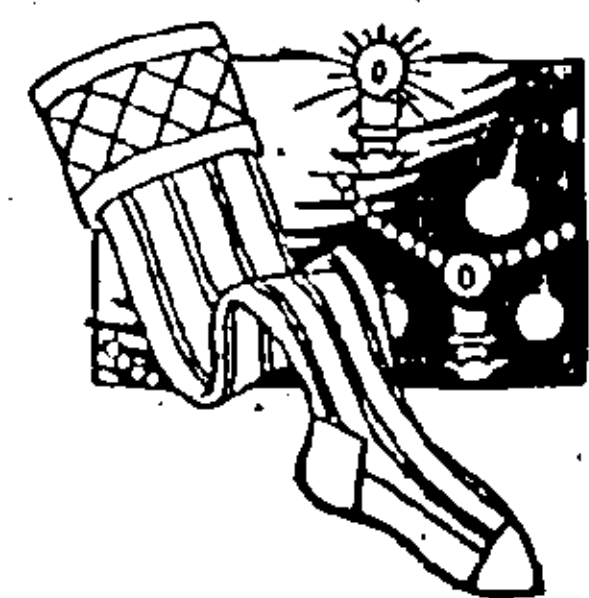
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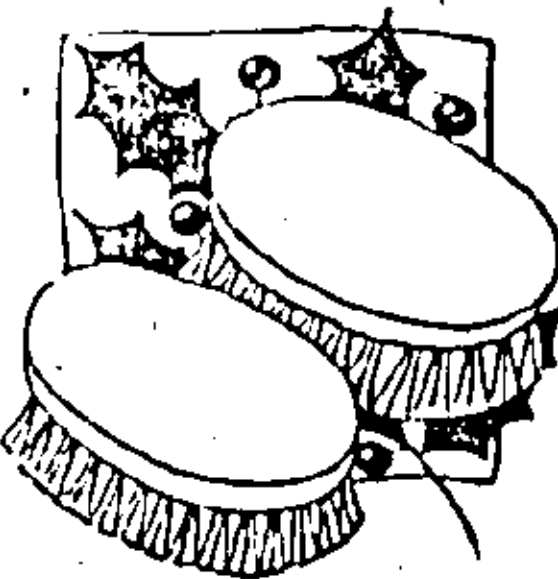
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CINEMA NOTES.

ROMANCE MORE VIVID IN DANGER

Romance is easier to depict in great battle stories and spectacles showing men in struggle than in almost any other type of play, according to Buster Keaton, comely star, whose latest talkie, "Dough Boys," opens at the Queen's Theatre to-day.

"The law of contrasts is largely the reason," stated the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer comedian in a recent interview. "If you tell a simple love story by itself, it may be nice but not necessarily effective. But tell it in a background of battles and the spectacle of an army in action, and it becomes a vital thing as part of the bigger whole. This was, for instance, the secret of the romance in 'The Big Parade' and it works equally as well in comedy.

"It's really part of the psychological truth that love is always more interesting when there is some danger attached to it. Women love to be fought for and protected and much of the patriotic fervour of wars is based on the fact that men are safeguarding the country and indirectly the home and women folk."

This hero worship plays an important part in the structure of "Dough Boys," for Sally Eilers, playing the feminine lead, latches Keaton not only upon the rank but to throw discretion to the winds in an attempt to cover himself with glory. The fact that his attempts usually end up in a riotously comic situation does not alter the fundamental idea.

The comedy shows Keaton as a millionaire's son who gets a taste of life in the trenches. Miss Eilers is seen as an overseas war correspondent. The cast also includes Cliff Edwards, Edward Brophy, Victor Potel, Frank Mayo and William Steele.

Two songs are heard in the picture, "Sing," sung by Cliff Edwards, and "Mister Military Man," written by Edward Sedgwick, the director. Keaton, Sedgwick and Edwards also form a trio as part of the programme of a division "show" at the front in which the comedian appears in fantastic garb and scenery. An "Apache" dance. This is said to be one of the most amusing sequences of the picture which Keaton reports is the most elaborately produced comedy in which he has yet appeared.

"Captain of the Guard," the biggest all-sound production so far attempted in the motion picture industry, which opens on Friday at the Central Theatre, is a dramatic musical spectacle of the French Revolution, co-starring John Boles, singing star of "The Desert Song," "Son of the West," "Rio Rita" and others, and Laura La Plante.

It brings Charles Wakefield Cadman, America's foremost composer, to the singing screen for the first time with specially written songs which will become immensely popular because of their haunting melodies.

And the Marseillaise itself, the dramatic national hymn of the French nation, is dramatized both in pictures and music. This song is the theme behind the picture, the immortal music that carries forward both the beautiful love story between Boles as Rouge de Lisle, and Miss La Plante, as Marie Marny, who becomes the flaming leaders of the early revolutionists, known to them and to the whole of France as "The Torch."

It is La Marseillaise, also, which carries forward the tremendous drama of the revolution itself, pictured in the film by huge battle scenes between the revolutionary mobs and the King's trained guards, in which as many as 7,000 players, all in peasant costumes or brilliant picturesque uniforms, were used at one time.

Interspersed throughout the picture are gorgeous spectacle scenes in music of the old peasant folk dances by torchlight, of the quaint customs and dress of the rustics, and beautiful, romantic love scenes between Boles and Miss La Plante. His magnificent voice is heard to its greatest possible advantage in the varying moods of the picture; in the tender love songs of Cadman's and singing La Marseillaise itself as he composes it.

Queer Trick in "The Girl said No." Picking up a voice coming through a dictaphone, and recording it in motion picture film, one of the strangest ever tried in talking pictures, "was accomplished for the first time during the making of 'The Girl said No,' William Haines' new picture which will come to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday.

The scene shows Leila Hyams, as secretary, announcing Haines in an office dictaphone to Wilbur Mack, and his voice coming through the loud speaker to admit the visitor.

A regular dictaphone was set up on a sound stage and used just as in an office. After experiment the microphones of the talkie apparatus were so distanced that the effect was perfect.

The new picture, which Sun Wood directed, shows Haines as a college graduate facing the first year of business life. Miss Hyams, Francis X. Bushman, Jr., Polly Moran and Marie Dressler have prominent roles.

Made in 1576, the Ferguson standing Mazer, the fourth earliest examples of Scottish silver bearing a hall mark, was sold at Sotheby's for £6,000.

Sir Reginald Blomfield, R.A., says of the Crystal Palace: This great building, designed by a gardener and ridiculed for generations, holds its own with the work of the latest scientific German architects.

ENGLAND VERSUS SCOTLAND.

INTERNATIONAL CHARITY MATCH TO-MORROW.

TWO STRONG TEAMS.

[BY "WANDERER."]

It would be difficult to imagine a better holiday football attraction than the international match between England and Scotland to be played at the Club ground to-morrow in the International Charity Cup Competition.

The method of team selection, while giving rise to a certain amount of grouching, bids fair to produce an extremely keen game. England will start definite favourites, although the Scotland team has distinct possibilities. The teams will probably line out as follows:

ENGLAND.

Clucas.

Dixon Martin.

Hedley Downman Bliss.

Penceck Grimwood.

Magee Redgate Skinner.

Campbell Fraser Hughes.

Hay McKenna.

Duncan Oram McGlashan.

Henderson Blackburn.

Clarke.

SCOTLAND.

Reserves: England, Strange, C. Pile, T. Pile, Gatehouse, Ineson, Skinner, Scotland, Rodger, McBride, Alexander, McKelvie, Christie, Wylie and Brown.

England will play in white and Scotland in blue. The Pipe Band of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, by kind permission, will play before the start and during the interval.

On Boxing Day, Portugal meets the holders China in the other semi-final. Neither team has come to hand.

Both matches kick-off at 3.30 p.m.

On New Year's Day the annual Charity match between the Services and the Rest of the Colony is to be played, in aid of M.C.I. (Naval and Military Branches) funds, kick-off at 3.30 p.m.

It is hoped that His Excellency the Governor, His Excellency the General Officer Commanding, the Commodore and Sir Shou Son Chow will be present.

MRS. SYDNEY WEBB.

THE OVERLOADED CABINET.

The first part of a lecture by Mrs. Sidney Webb, in the Kingway Hall recently had a bearing on a discussion in the Press a few months ago by M.P.s and others on "What is wrong with Parliament?"

The subject of Mrs. Sidney Webb's lecture was, "Can we make British Parliamentary Government equal to its task?"

Our Government, she declared, was failing to cope with its work. Owing to the necessity for limiting the number of Cabinet Ministers, to make Government by Cabinet possible, there was growing up a practice of heaping up duties on one man.

During the last 12 months the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary and the President of the Board of Trade had been largely out of England attending to foreign affairs.

If it was not for the Civil Service, which did the great bulk of the work, we should have all gone to damnation a long time ago.

Her remedy.

As a remedy for this overloading of the Cabinet she suggested the election of two national assemblies—one for Scotland and one for England and Wales, who would direct their own departments with their own independent revenues, and take over Health, Education, Labour, Unemployment, National Insurance and the supervision of local authorities.

The King, Lords and Commons would continue supreme with a smaller Cabinet, but would restrict themselves to foreign relations, to the Overseas Empire, defence, law and justice, the Post Office, the National Debt and the requisite taxation.

Mrs. Webb repudiated the suggestion that there was any relation between her ideas and those of "that individual who goes under the fantastical name of Lord Passfield (her husband)."

"He may be responsible for my debts if I have any," she said, "but he is not responsible for my ideas, and if I say things about Cabinet Government, you must not assume that I refer to the Labour Cabinet."

The Band and Drums of the 1st. Bn. The South Wales Borderers will play on the ground from 3 to 3.30 p.m. and during the interval.

The Services will be represented by a team selected from the following eleven players: Clucas, Dixon, Robertson, Magee, Skinner, and Beacock, of the Navy, Henderson, Hay, Yeoman and Campbell of the Argylls, and Atkin, of the R.A.F. The Rest team will be: Clarke (Police), Li Tin-sung (South China), Martin (Kowloon), Hedley (Kowloon), Oram (Police), Lam Yuk-ying, (Athletic), B. Gosano (Rocreo) Segalen Club, A. Gosano (Rocreo), Fung King-cheung and Ip Pak-wa (South China).

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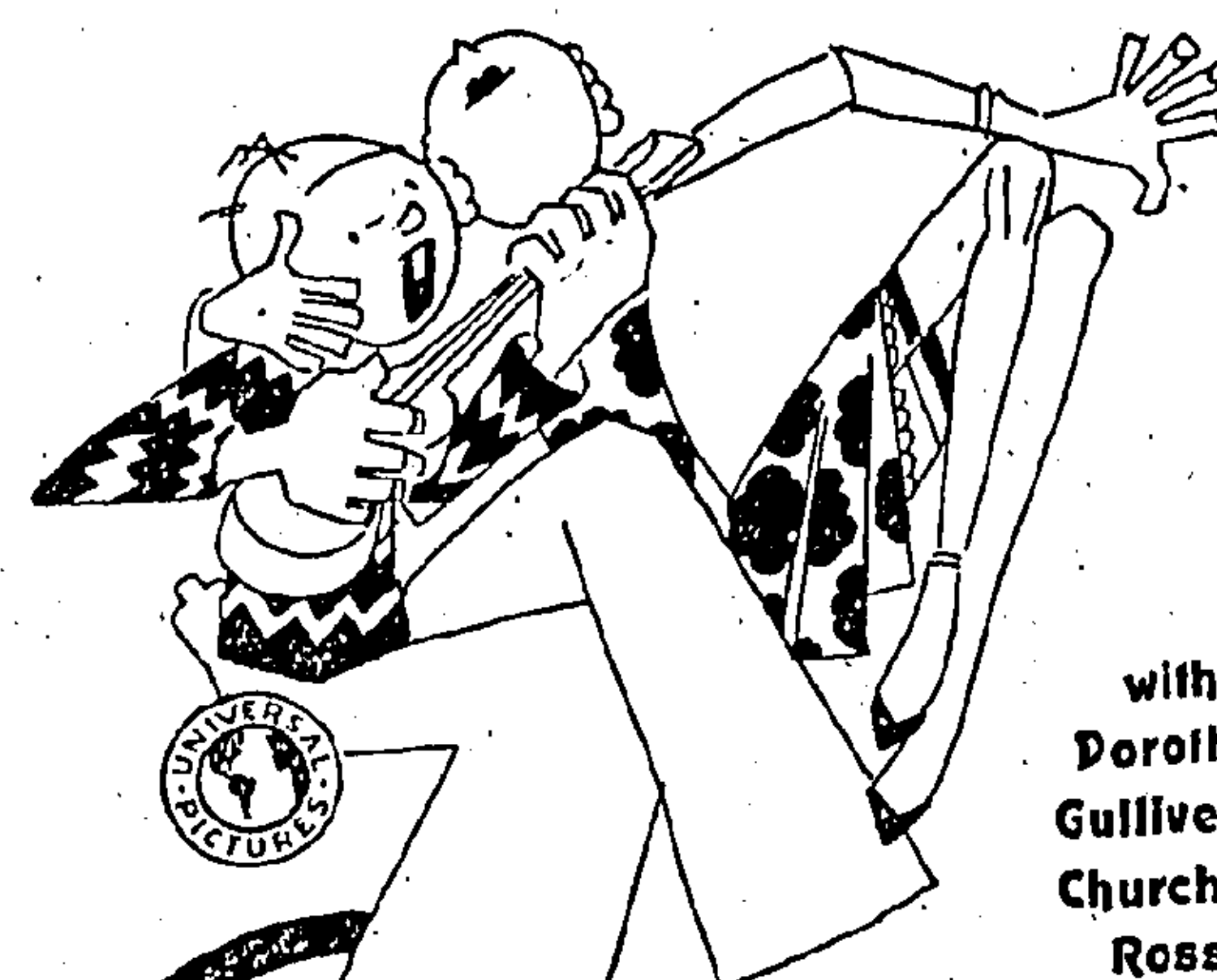
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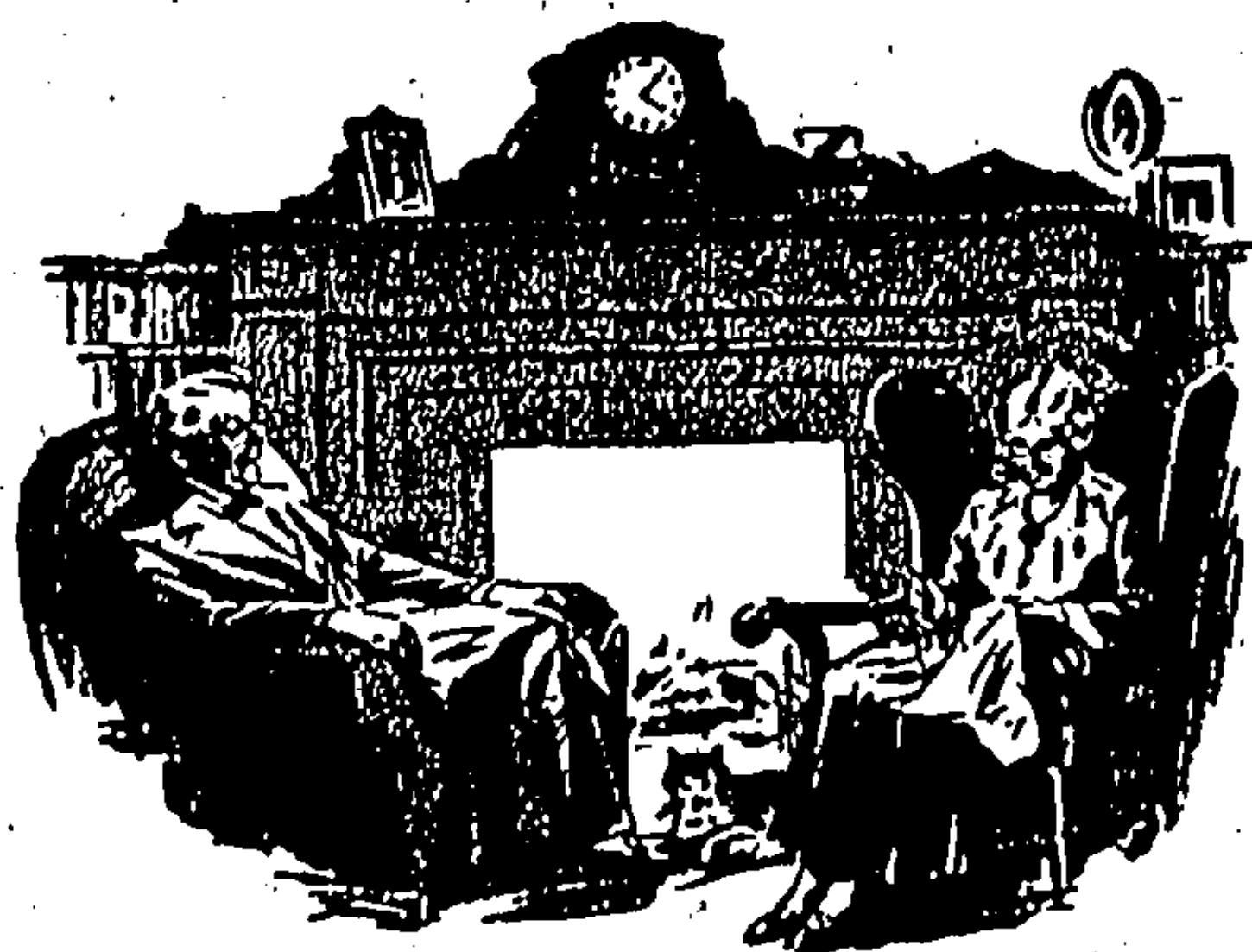
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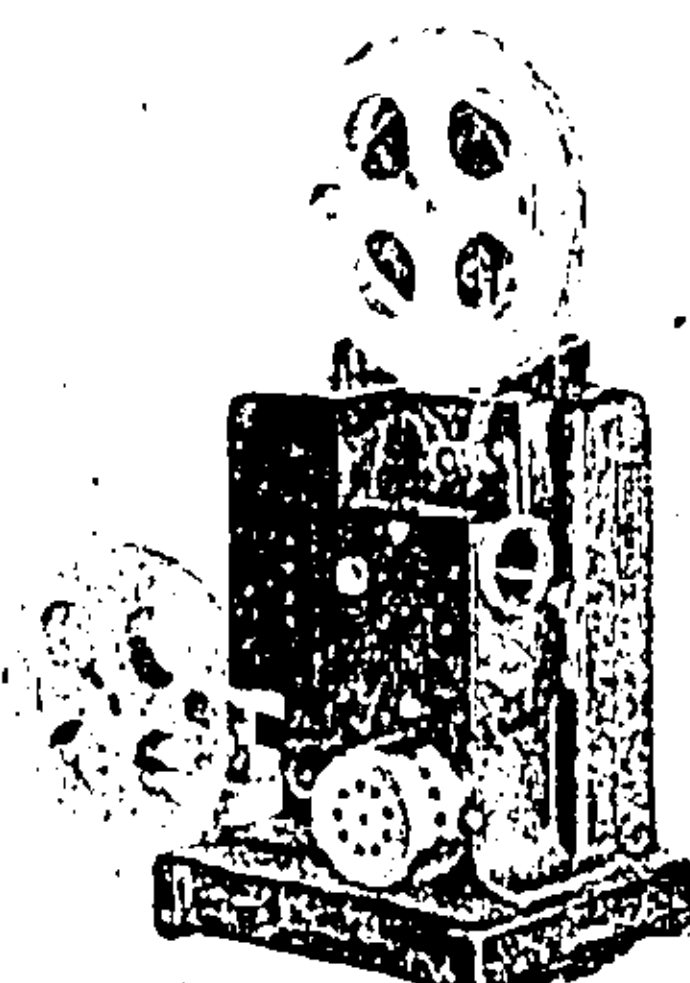
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SHANGHAI FOOTBALL.

INQUIRY INTO RECENT CHINESE TOUR.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Shanghai Football Association approval was given to an application from the Police Recreation Club to send a senior team to Hongkong, to play against the Hongkong Police, early in the New Year, subject to strict observance of the rules governing such tours, and to the understanding that in no circumstances would the tour be permitted to interfere with the junior engagements of the Police Recreation Club football team.

Special Commission.
The China National Amateur Athletic Federation not seeing clear to nominate two members to the Special Commission appointed by the Shanghai Football Association to investigate and report on the status of certain individuals concerned with a recent soccer tour, the Association has appointed its own Commission of four members. The commission will commence its labours as soon as the necessary number of acceptances to serve on it have been received. Further information on the matter will be made public in due course.

The Green Howards were awarded two points and one goal in respect of the First Division match for which Loh Hwa defeated on December 13; Loh Hwa to be reprimanded and fined. It has been decided not to send a team to Tientsin this Christmas.

FANLING CEREMONY.

PORTRAIT OF DR. PIERCE- GROVE TO BE UNVEILED.

A ceremony of interest to all who enjoyed the acquaintance of the late Dr. P. Pierce-Grove is to take place at the Hunters' Arms, Fanling, on Friday, Dec. 26, at noon, when his portrait will be unveiled by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson.

It will be a fitting tribute to one who did so much for Kwantung as did Dr. Pierce-Grove. He was the originator of the idea which eventually developed into the Fanling Hunt and Race Club, and worked resolutely for the lay-out of the Kwantung course, besides being the "father" of the Hunt and original importer of hounds, and its first Master.

The Fanling Hunt and Race Club will be "at home" to members and friends for the occasion, from 11 a.m. to noon.

The portrait, which is a striking likeness, is the work of the well-known local artist, Mr. Kobza.

FRIENDLY CRICKET.

CHRISTMAS DAY MATCH AT INDIAN CLUB.

There will be an inter-club match on the Indian Recreation Club ground on Christmas Day at 1.45 p.m. when members over 25 years of age will take on a team composed of members under 25. The sides will be:

Over 25.—J. S. Abdul-Careem, J. S. Akker, A. el Arculli, C. F. Doudha, B. R. France, O. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, A. H. Madar, D. Mohammed, A. A. Ramjahn and A. H. Ramjahn.
Under 25.—A. R. Abbas, M. R. Abbas, F. M. el Arculli, H. T. M. Barma, A. R. H. Ismail, S. Ismail, M. P. Madar, A. R. Minu, F. D. Perel, A. M. Ramjahn and A. R. Sullind.

There will be a scratch game by the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club at Sookunpoo on Saturday, at 3.30 p.m.

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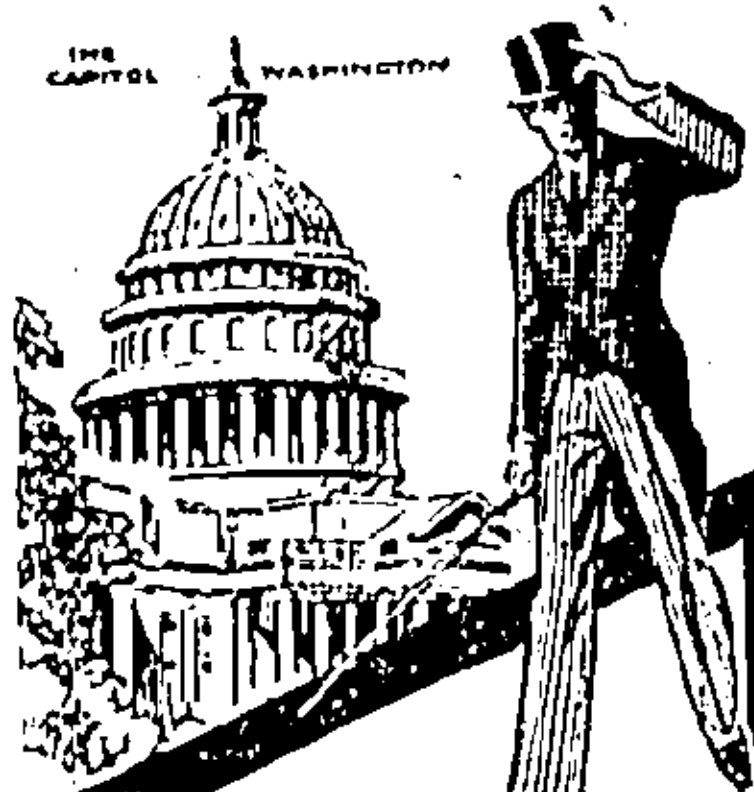
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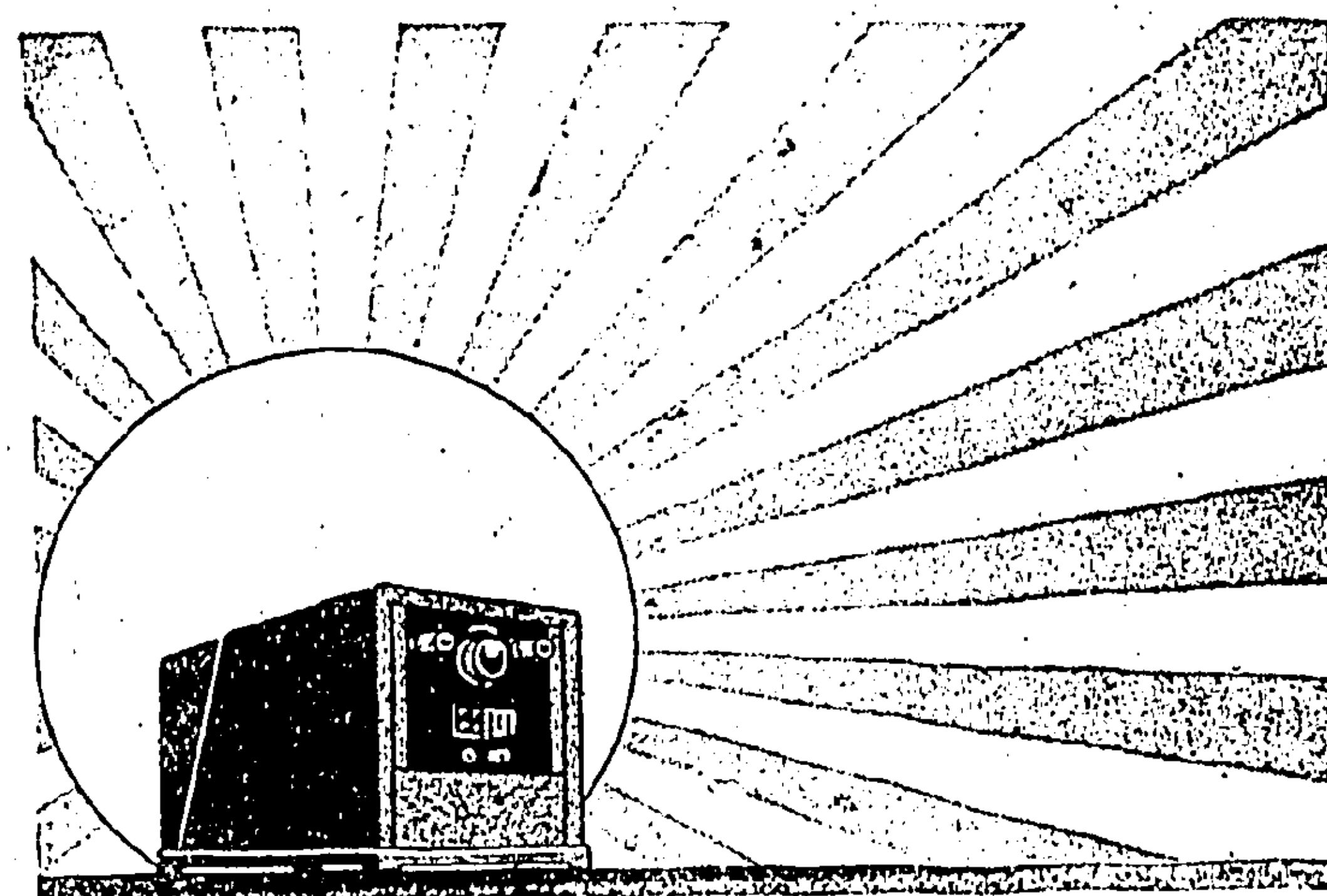
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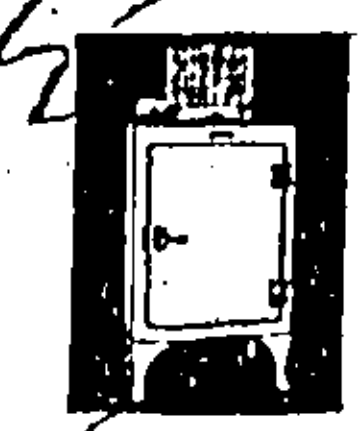
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FOREIGN RESIDENTS.

CHINA PREPARES MEASURES FOR JURISDICTION.

Nanking, Dec. 16.
It is reported that a definite programme providing for the assumption by Chinese courts of jurisdiction over foreign nationals resident in China has been jointly drawn up by the Executive Yuan and the Judicial Yuan and will be submitted to the National Government for approval and promulgation. It is generally understood that the programme, which is intended as an interim measure before the complete abolition of foreign extraterritorial privileges, will be put into effect after due notification to the Powers concerned, if diplomatic negotiations are not concluded within a reasonable time.

The programme, it is understood, provides for the following measures:

1.—Special courts will be set up in the five principal ports of the country; namely, Nanking, Shanghai, Hankow, Canton and Tientsin.

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3.—Such foreign advisers may submit views and recommendations to the judges, but may not interfere with the trial. Where necessary, however, such advisers may, by special permission of the president of the court, conduct trials, the right of final decision being, however, reserved for the judges.

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Detailed measures relating to the administration of prisons for the detention of foreigners are also contained in the programme.

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APPOINTMENT OF CAPTAIN BRITTEN OF FRANCONIA.

London, Dec. 23.

Captain Britten, the commander of the Cunard liner Franconia, has been appointed to the command of the Berengaria in succession to Commodore Sir Arthur Rostron.

Capt. Britten has commanded in the past the Aquitania, Mauretania and Samaria.

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[Captain Britten will be remembered in Hongkong, which the Franconia included in her world tours.]

COMMODITY PRICES.

MR. COOLIDGE ATTACKS THE GOVERNMENT POLICY.

New York, Dec. 23.

Ex-President Coolidge in a statement to the press condemns the Treasury's interference with the price of commodities, as likely to worsen matters. He is of opinion it would be better to let losers bear their losses rather than try to make somebody else shoulder them.

The attack is believed to be directed against Mr. Hoover's endeavour to maintain wheat prices.—*Reuter's American Service*.

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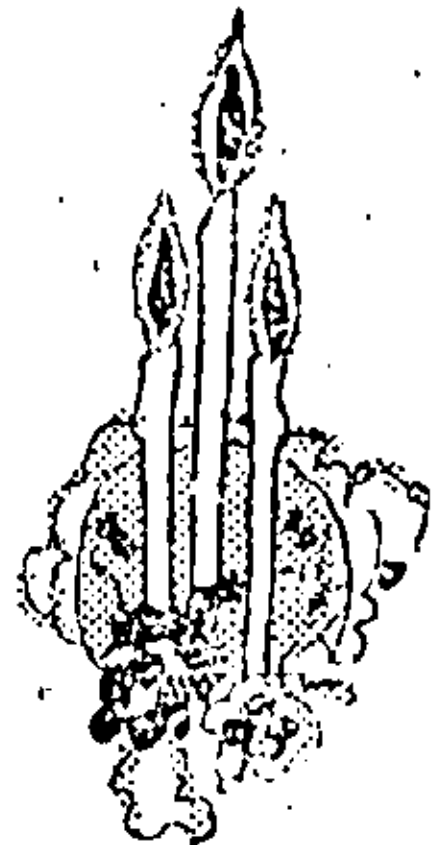
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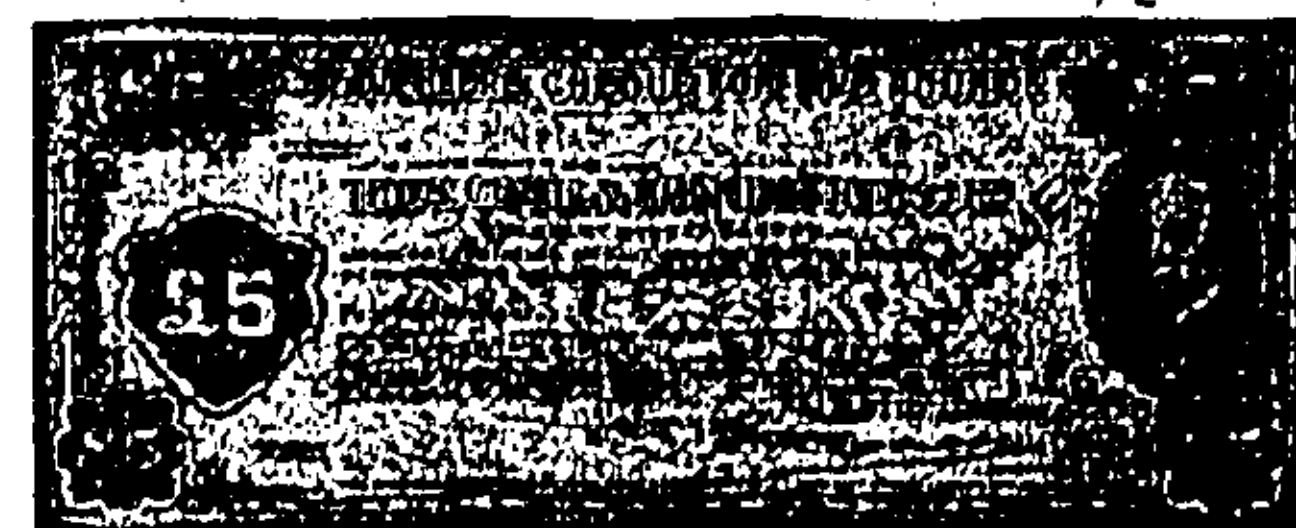
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Shanghai, Dec. 23.

One of the boldest crimes of recent years occurred this morning, in broad daylight, when a gang of armed kidnapers halted the motor-car of Mr. S. C. Chu, the General Manager of the Manufacturers Bank of China, in Yu Yuen Road, shot and killed his chauffeur, wounded Mr. Chu's eldest daughter and a male passenger in the car, and then seized the bank official and drove him toward Jessfield village in their car, which was in a rank nearby.

A bullet from the guns of the kidnapers also wounded a watchman slightly.

According to a reconstruction of the crime by the police, the chauffeur drew a pistol to defend his master, but was immediately riddled with bullets, some of which passed through his body, wounding the others in the car.

No clue can be discovered as to the identity of the gangsters.—Our Own Correspondent.

TERRIBLE OUTRAGE.

THE MARTYRDOM OF A CHINESE PRIEST.

Shanghai, Dec. 23.

That Christian martyrdom is still existent is evidenced by the story of the terrible death of Father Marcus Ho at the hands of Communists in the mountainous district of South-east Hupeh.

Father Marcus, who was driven out of his parish in November, returned with the intention of rescuing vestments and sacred vessels. On his arrival at the mission station Communists seized and stripped him, beat him terribly, blinded him with lime, and then led him away for a short distance. They tied a rope around his neck and slowly strangled him. He was buried without a coffin.—Reuter.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th December 1930, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 8th January 1931, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th December 1930, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1930.

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1930.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th December, 1930, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 9th January, 1931, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1930.

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All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected. NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1930.

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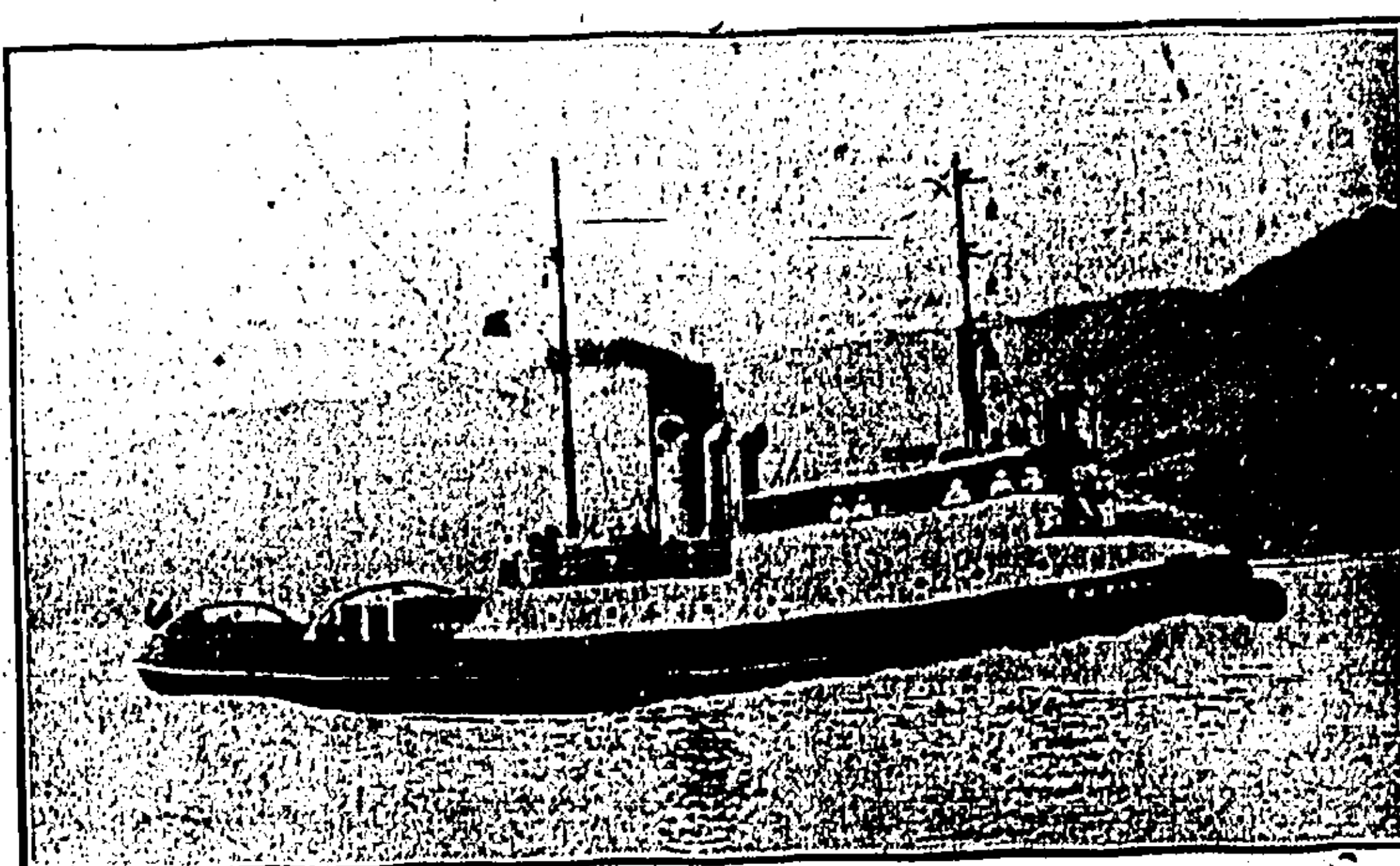
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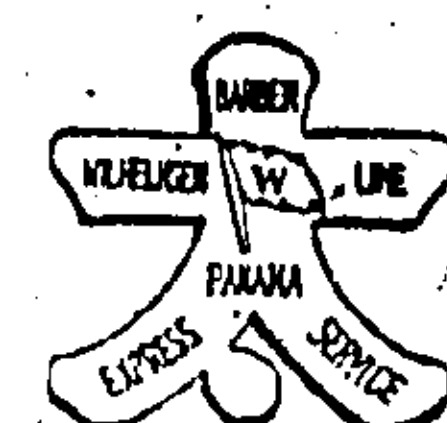
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*MIRZAPUR	6,715	6 Jan. 10 a.m.	Straits, Colombo & B'bay
*JEYPORE	5,318	10th Jan.	M's, L'don, Hull, H'burg, Rotterdam & Antwerp
KASHMIR	8,985	17th Jan.	M's, L'don, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp
COMORIN	15,132	31st Jan.	Bombay, M's & L'don
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TALAMBA	8,018	28 Dec. D'light.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
1 KIDDERPORE	5,334	1st Jan. 1931.	S'hai, Moji & Kobe
COMORIN	15,132	3rd Jan.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
NELLORE	6,853	6th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
TALMA	10,000	12th Jan.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KASHGAR	9,005	17th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHIVA	9,135	24th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MALWA	10,980	31st Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama

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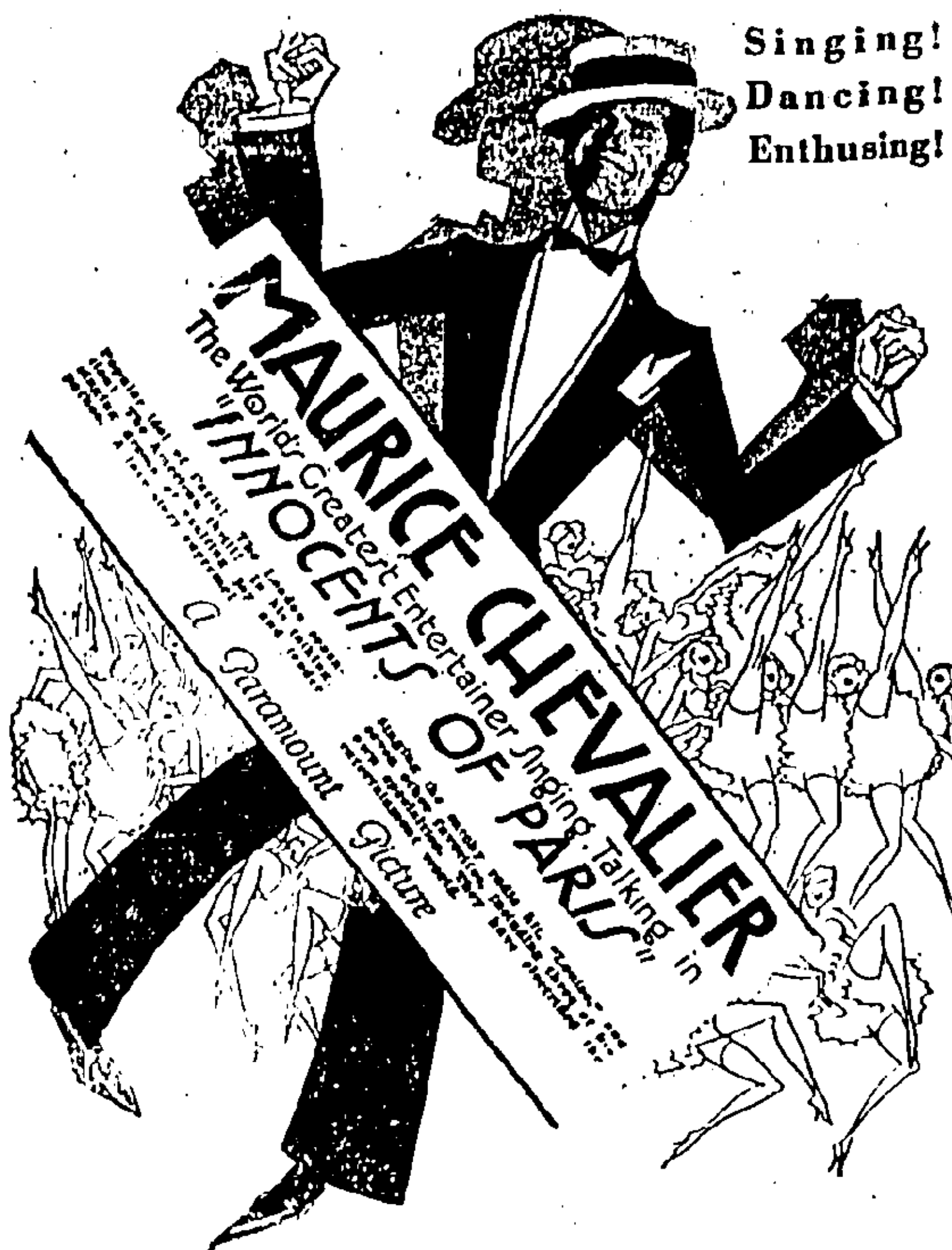
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CLAIM MADE TO EARLDOM.

STRANGE STORY TOLD IN AMERICAN COURT.

BIGAMY SEQUEL.

Phoenix, Arizona, Dec. 18. Pleading that a prison sentence imposed upon him following his conviction on charges of bigamy be set aside Dr. Allan Alexander Stirling to-day appeared before the Arizona supreme court. He asked that the sentence be set aside so that he may claim an earldom which he has inherited. Dr. Stirling read his claims to having inherited the earldom before the court.

According to Dr. Stirling the 16th Earl of the estate he is claiming died in England in 1928. He said that the Earl's last will required that his heirs marry within a year or be disinherited.

So Dr. Stirling promptly proceeded to marry Miss Elsa Worth of Sunburst, Montana. Later they separated and he married Miss Virginia Hovater, a resident of Arizona. Dr. Stirling now claims that his first wife had been previously married and had not bothered to obtain a divorce when she wed him. Hence, he claimed, his Montana marriage was automatically voided and he is not a bigamist.

Some Confusing Claims.

Dr. Stirling is a former officer on the staff of General Pancho Villa, the famed Mexican revolutionary leader. In court to-day he found himself in some difficulty in giving testimony as to his claim to the English earldom. He said that the 13th Earl of the line he claims was Viscount Canada. Then, under examination, he admitted that the earldom he claims was abolished in 759, A.D. But, said the witness, it was restored 50 years later.

Under subsequent examination Dr. Stirling testified that his grandfather and not his father was an Earl. He claimed that the entire estate had been bequeathed to him.

Dr. Stirling's father, he claimed, came to the United States during America's civil war. Later, he said, he went to New Zealand as a physician. "I was born aboard ship en route to New Zealand," Dr. Stirling told the court to-day. "I also am a physician."

As the evidence progressed the court and newspaper reporters began to become almost as confused as the witness. They hope some time, to learn just what English estate Dr. Stirling is claiming.

SUGAR MARKETS.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cabled quotations at the close of the sugar markets yesterday have been received by Messrs. Penreath and Co.:

London Terminals.

March 1931 6 7/8 up 1/4d.
May 1931 6 2/4 up 1/4d.
August 1931 6 5/4 no change.
December 1931 6 9/2 no change.

New York Terminals.

March 1931 1.25 up 1 pt.
May 1931 1.33 up 1 pt.
July 1931 1.40 up 1 pt.
September 1931 1.49 up 5 pts.
December 1930 1.22 up 4 pts.
Java Market.—No change to report.

Hongkong Market.—Unchanged, steady.

R.A.F. PILOT KILLED.

WOMAN EYE-WITNESS'S STORY OF CRASH.

London, Dec. 1. An R.A.F. aeroplane, piloted by Flight Lieutenant Douglas Wells Gibbon, crashed in a field at Pinner Park Farm, Pinner, Middlesex, yesterday. The pilot, who was the only occupant, was killed, and the aeroplane was wrecked.

Mrs. Nowell-Utrick, of Moss Lane, Pinner, who was walking in the field at the time, stated that the plane was flying low and circling as though the pilot was searching for a landing place. The engine then ran into a thick belt of fog and was lost to view for a few seconds.

Shortly after it came in sight again, it swerved and turned upside down. It continued for some yards in that position and then nose-dived to the ground, bounced several times, and came to rest with its nose buried in a waterlogged part of the field.

This accident brings the number of killed in R.A.F. crashes this year to 68.

SINGAPORE AERIAL FATALITY.

CRASH DUE TO ERROR OF JUDGMENT.

INQUEST VERDICT.

Singapore, Dec. 17. The inquest on Mr. L. F. Willes Johnson, the member of the Singapore Flying Club who was killed on Dec. 11, when the machine he was flying crashed in the harbour, concluded yesterday.

The jury found that death was caused by asphyxia from drowning, due to a seaplane which Mr. Willes Johnson was flying, getting into a spin through an error of judgment on the part of the pilot, and that the pilot was unable to extricate the machine from the spin in time to avoid the crash.

The jury also found that the machine was airworthy at the time of the accident and that no blame attached to any member of the staff of the Flying Club. Flight-Lieut. Fetter, describing the history of the flight, said that on Dec. 9, Mr. Willes Johnson had failed in his attitude test through landing short of the mark. He was very keen to try again and had said he was sure he would succeed next time.

Before sending him up witness went up with him, giving him special instructions on how to land, and showing him his mark. Mr. Willes Johnson then took over, and made a perfect landing. After that he started solo.

Practical instruction on how to get out of a spin was not given at the club; members were only told what to do in such an eventuality. Practical instruction used to be given, but it was discontinued as the certificate of airworthiness did not cover that.

The instruction at the club was designed so as to prevent pupils getting into spins or other unauthorized movements.

\$800,000 CLAIM.

RUSSIAN ORDERS FOR PRODUCTS OF VICKERS.

Mr. Justice Wright, in the King's Bench Division, gave judgment in an action which Continental Contractors, Limited, of Central House, Finsbury-square, E.C., brought against Vickers-Armstrong, Limited, of Vickers House, Broadway, Westminster, claiming commission and damages for alleged breach of agreement in connexion with the supply to Russia of armaments and other Vickers products.

It was stated that the three directors of the plaintiff company were big industrialists in Russia before the revolution. Their case was that in October, 1925, they contracted with Vickers, Limited, to obtain orders for the sale to Russia of certain Vickers products, and that, subsequently, the agreement was varied to include armament products and to extend to Vickers's subsidiary companies. They also said that on the formation of Vickers-Armstrong they agreed to act for that company under the same terms as they were working for Vickers, Limited. They claimed that \$800,000 was due to them as commission.

The defendants denied that the agreement was extended to include armaments or varied as alleged by the plaintiffs.

Mr. Justice Wright said that he could not go outside the clear and precise language of the written agreements of October, 1925, and May, 1928, and plaintiffs' claim on that issue therefore failed.

The defendants had admitted that their termination of the last agreement constituted a breach, and the question of damages in that respect would be referred to a referee.

NEW MOTOR-LINER.

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Dover, Nov. 29.

The modern movement towards ever-increasing speed and more luxurious equipment in different modes of transport is nowhere more apparent than in the vessels of the great steamship companies entering steadily for passenger traffic.

The Royal Netherlands Steamship Company, keeping abreast of this movement, has built a new motor-ship, the Colombia, for the West Indies-Spanish service, which has just arrived at Dover on the first stage of the vessel's maiden voyage.

A remarkable feature of this is the adaptation of a comparatively small ship to the inclusion of such equipment as a swimming bath, sports decks, tennis courts, passenger and goods lifts, and children's play-rooms and play-decks.

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CANTON AVIATION SERVICES.

NEW LINES TO OPEN FROM NEW YEAR'S DAY.

SPLENDID PROGRESS.

Canton, Dec. 23. In view of the great success registered by the first regular air service in South China, that linking up Canton and Wuchow, which has been in operation since the 1st Inst., it has been decided to establish other lines immediately.

The first of the new airways to be put in operation will be one linking up Swatow and Canton, a distance of 223 miles, which will be inaugurated on the 1st January next. This will be followed almost immediately by the establishment of an air line linking up Canton with Hoihow (Hainan Island) and Pakhoi, a distance of 300 miles.

The fares are calculated on a basis of twenty cents per mile and work out at \$22.40 to Wuchow, \$41.60 to Swatow and \$60 to Hoihow. When the air lines are well established, it is proposed to make calls at intermediate places such as Sam-shui and Shuihoh on the Wuchow line, Waichow on the Swatow line, and Kongmoon and Kwang Chow Wan on the Hoihow line.

All the air lines will carry mail from the 1st January at the rate of fifteen cents per twenty grammes over the usual rates. Parcels will also be carried under certain conditions as to weight and size at sixty cents per kilo to Wuchow, \$1.15 per kilo to Swatow and \$1.50 per kilo to Hoihow.

All the lines will operate one service each way daily, the following being the proposed timetable:

Leave Canton 10 a.m. arrive Wuchow 11.30 a.m.
Leave Wuchow 2 p.m. arrive Canton 3.30 p.m.
Leave Canton 8 a.m. arrive Swatow 11 a.m.
Leave Swatow 1 p.m. arrive Canton 4 p.m.
Leave Canton 7 a.m. arrive Hoihow 11 a.m.
Leave Hoihow 12.30 p.m. arrive Canton 4.30 p.m.

The proposed time-table is extremely convenient for passengers and mails, and the journeys from Canton to Hoihow, taking at present over three days, will be reduced to four hours.—Our Own Correspondent.

MOTOR CYCLING.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT'S EFFECT ON CLUB TRIALS.

London, Dec. 1.

On Saturday evening some 350 members and guests of the Motor-Cycling Club held their 24th annual dinner at the Connaught Rooms under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Van Hooydonk, one of the original eight motorists who founded the club in 1901.

Although not referred to publicly in Mr. B. Mariani's speech toasting the continuous success of this popular car and motor-cycle club with its 1,200 members, many of those present wondered amongst themselves how this and other similar sporting organisations would fare under Section 13 of Part I of the new Road Traffic Act which now comes into operation.

This section states that any person promoting or taking part in a race or trial of speed between motor vehicles on a public highway shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding £50, or to both fine and imprisonment; also, unless the Court thinks fit to order otherwise, be disqualified for a period of 12 months after conviction from holding or obtaining a driving licence.

The M.C.C. competitions are reliability trials and in no way speed events, yet they do include acceleration tests and hill-climbing, besides asking the competitors to keep a regular schedule in rate of travel from point to point. The next of the M.C.C. events is the annual London to Exeter run and back on December 28 and 29, in which some 400 competitors are expected to take part. This will be the first competition to be held subject to the new Road Traffic Act and its regulations. It thus becomes a most important event as a precedent for the future well-being of motor clubs generally if allowed to take place without interference.

The following names of those who sent wreaths were inadvertently omitted from our report of the funeral of the late Mr. A. J. J. Brock—Florrie and George and family; Mabel and Will; Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brown, Mr. A. E. Stone.

Phyllis Komstam, who made her first film hit in "Murder" has been chosen to take the place of Ursula Jeans as Chloe in "The Skin Game."

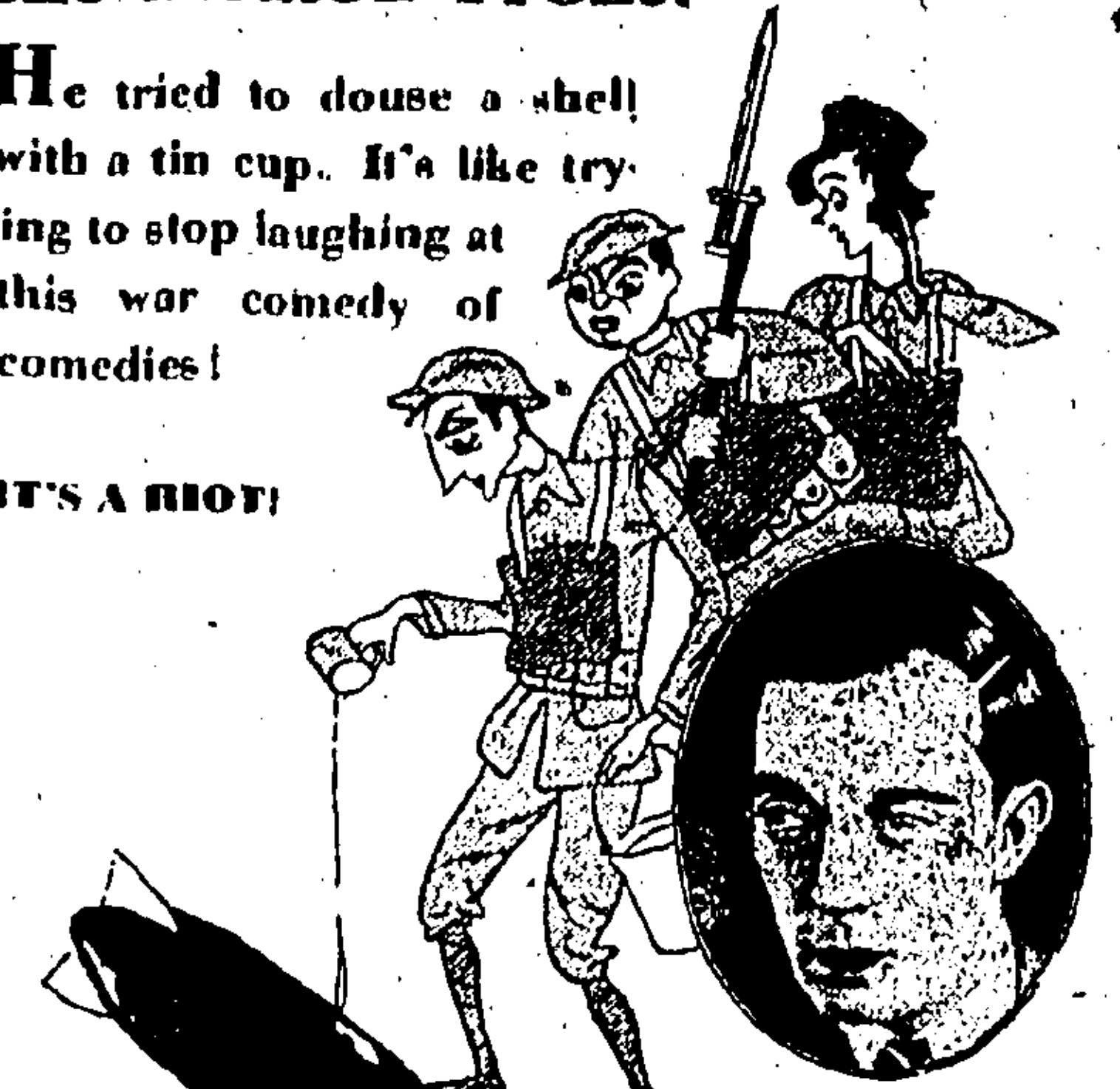
AMUSEMENTS OF HONGKONG.

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